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The Ultimate battle begins here!

Sonic and the Freedom Fighters, with the help of Lupe and the wolfpack, launch what may very well prove to be their final assault on the evil Dr. Robotnik. Lines are drawn, trust is shattered, and the casualties mount. All of Mobius stands on the very brink in this pulse pounding first act to the most epic Sonic tale of them all!

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SOME TIME AGO, THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS DISCOVERED AN ANCIENT MOBIAN ENCASED IN ICE.



THEY BROUGHT HIM BACK TO KNOTHOLE VILLAGE AND REVIVED HIM... BUT "MOBIE", AS THEY CALLED HIM, WAS A BEING OUT OF TIME!

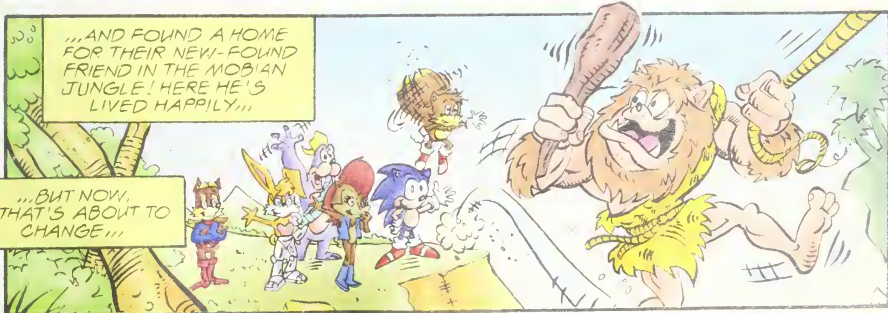


REALIZING THAT "MOBIE" WAS AN ARTIST, THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS LEARNED HOW TO COMMUNICATE WITH HIM...



...AND FOUND A HOME FOR THEIR NEW-FOUND FRIEND IN THE MOBIAN JUNGLE! HERE HE'S LIVED HAPPILY...

...BUT NOW, THAT'S ABOUT TO CHANGE...



SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

GUERRILLA THRILLER

PART I

HAS GOT TO BE
TOLD ABOUT THIS...
BEFORE IT'S TOO
LATE!

BUT, DOCTOR ROBOTNIK,
MANY OF YOUR ENEMIES ARE
HIDING IN THE MOBIAN JUNGLE!
IT'S IMPERATIVE THAT WE
ESTABLISH A COMMAND
CENTER THERE!

SNIVELY, YOU
IDIOT! YOU KNOW
HOW I **HATE** THE
JUNGLE...

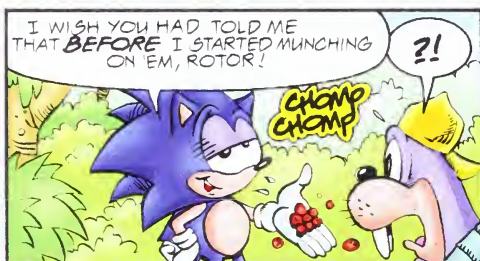
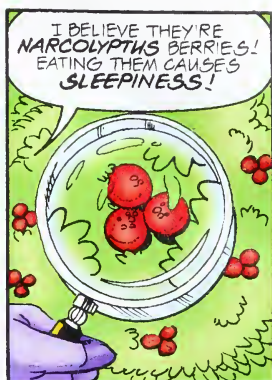
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WITH ITS **HOT, HUMID TEMPER-
ATURES** AND ALL THOSE **PLANTS** AND
VINES SURROUNDING YOU AND
THE **WILD ANIMALS** WATCHING YOU...
AND...AND...

SIR, I
GUARANTEE
YOU WON'T
HAVE TO **SET**
FOOT INSIDE
THE JUNGLE...

...THE **ECO-
DESTROYER**
WILL DO ALL
THE WORK!





A FEW HOURS, LATER
AT THE GORILLAS
JUNGLE CAMP...

YOU'VE GOT TO BELIEVE US!
ROBOTNIK IS SENDING AN ECO-
DESTROYER INTO THE JUNGLE
TO SET UP A BASE! YOU'RE ALL
IN **GREAT DANGER!**

ROBOTNIK WILL
NEVER FIND OUR CAMP,
HEDGEHOG! BESIDES,
THE WALRUS TOLD US
THAT HE'S AN INVENTOR
AND A COOK!



WE **NEED** HIM TO
PREPARE OUR MEALS AND
TO BUILD **NEW WEAPONS**
FOR US!

HURRY UP
WITH THAT
MOBIAN
STEW,
WALRUS!

HEY! IF
IT'S HARD-
WARE YOU
NEED...



...THERE'S A **TON**
OF WEAPONS HIDDEN
NEARBY IF YOU KNOW
WHERE TO LOOK! I'LL
BRING YOU BACK SOME
IN EXCHANGE FOR
OUR **FREEDOM!**

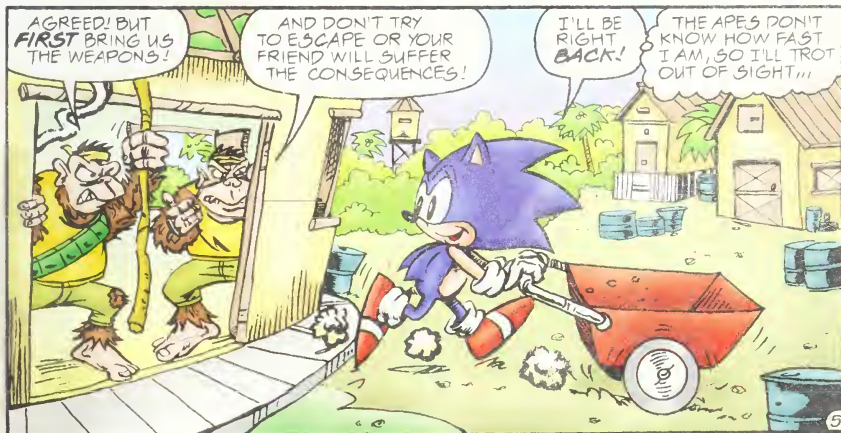


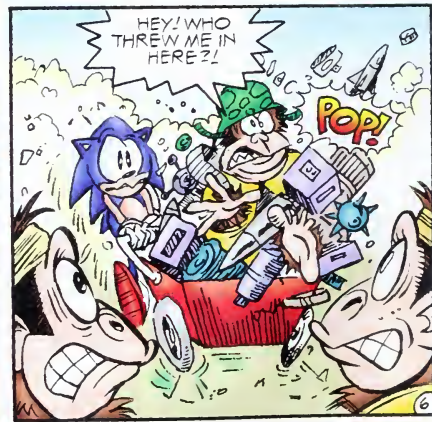
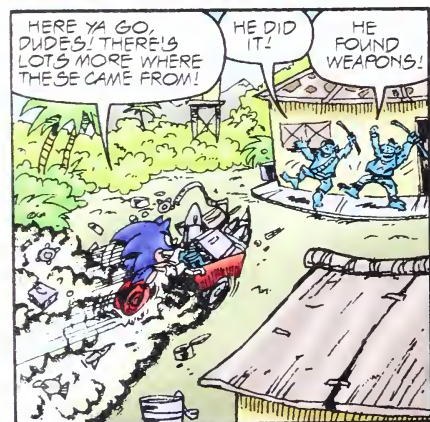
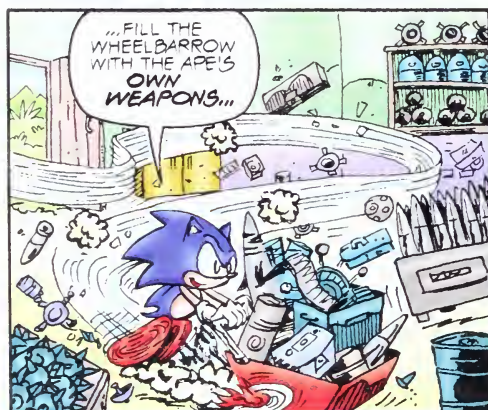
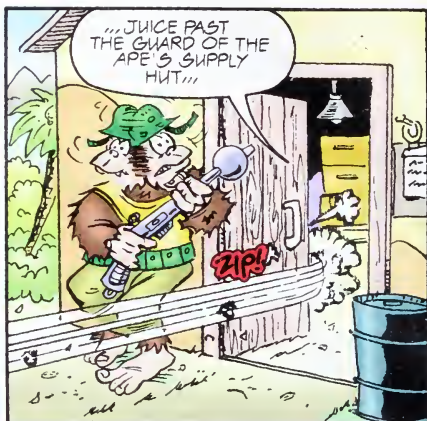
AGREED! BUT
FIRST BRING US
THE WEAPONS!

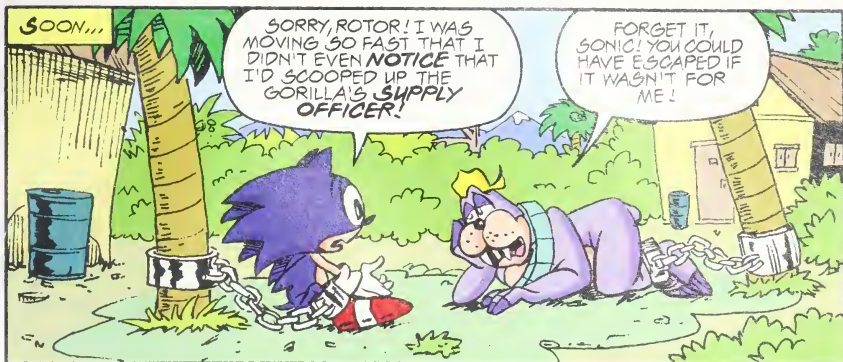
AND DON'T TRY
TO ESCAPE OR YOUR
FRIEND WILL SUFFER
THE CONSEQUENCES!

I'LL BE
RIGHT
BACK!

THE APES DON'T
KNOW HOW FAST
I AM, SO I'LL TROT
OUT OF SIGHT...







SONIC,
LOOK!

I CLAIM THIS JUNGLE
IN THE NAME OF DOCTOR
IVO ROBOTNIK, AND I
ORDER YOU TO
SURRENDER...

...OR THE REST
OF YOUR CAMP WILL
BE
OBLITERATED!



END OF
PART I

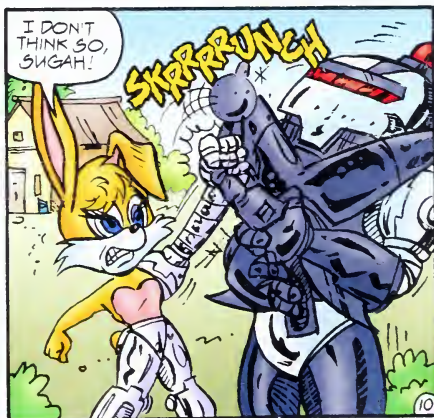
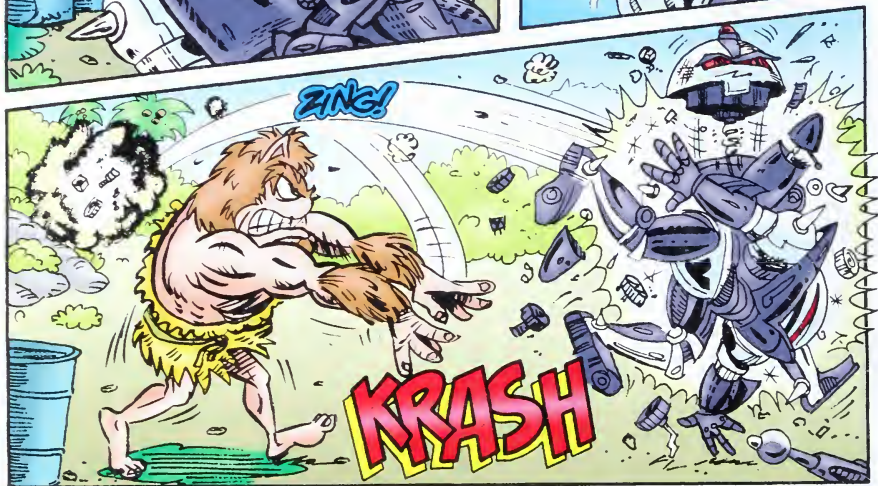
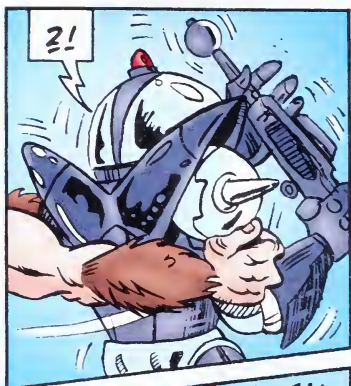
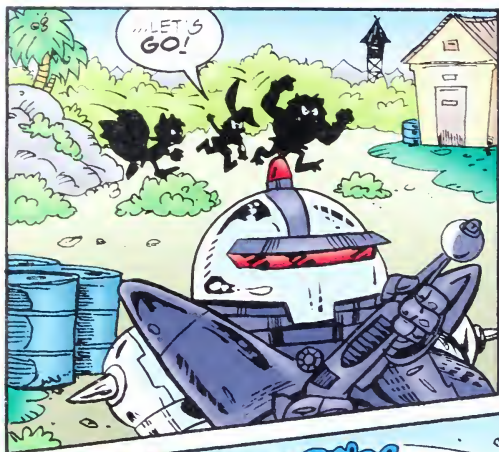
WHAT A **SURPRISE!**
WHEN DR. ROBOTNIK SEES
THAT I'VE CAPTURED YOU,
HE'LL APPOINT ME
CO-DICTATOR!

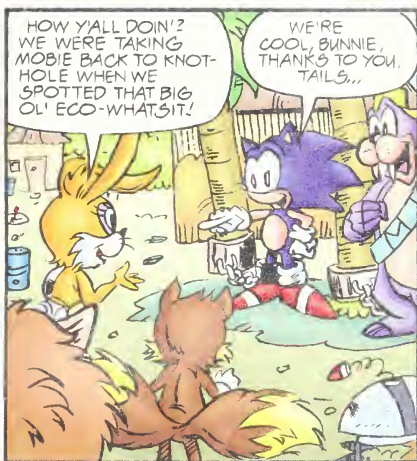
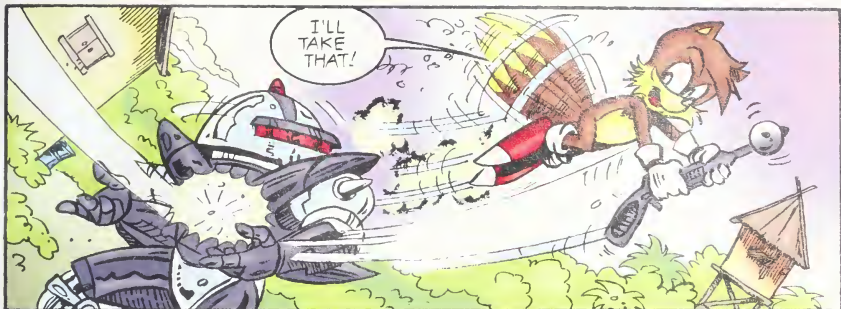
THE **GORILLAS**
CAPTURED ME **SNIV-NOSE!**
YOU CAN'T EVEN **CATCH**
YOUR **BREATH!**

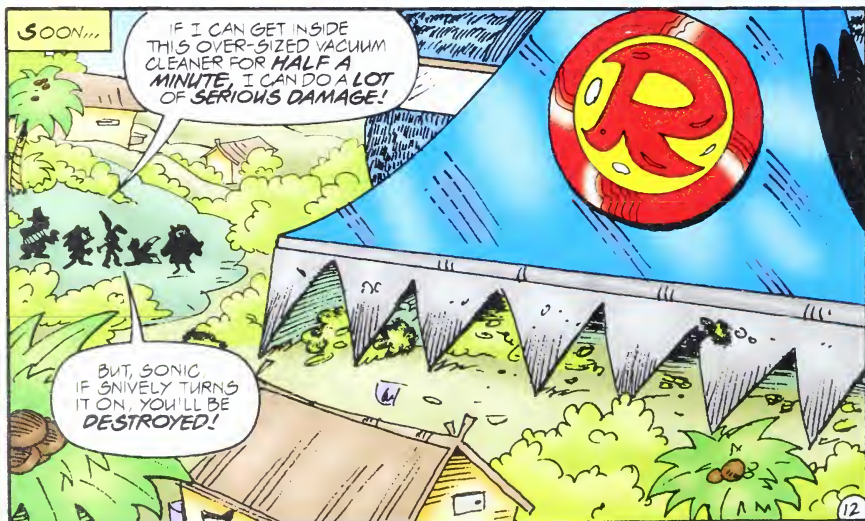
AND I LIKE
YOUR HAT! WHEN
DID YOU START
WEARING A **TEEPEE**
ON YOUR HEAD?

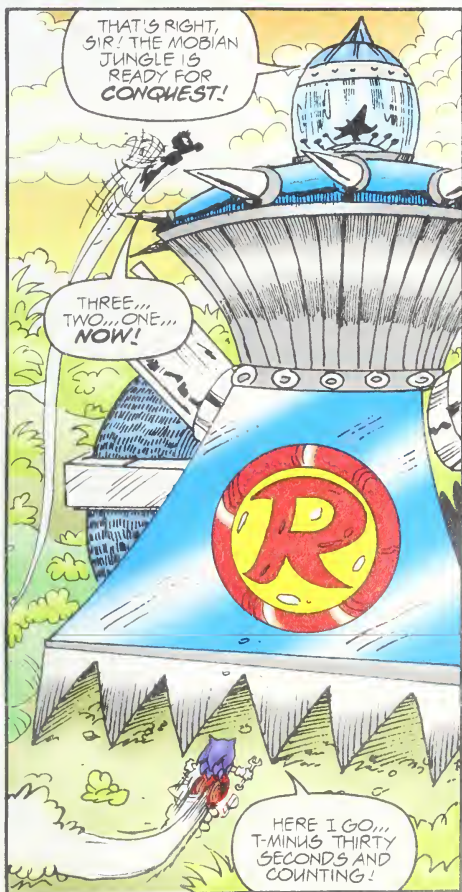
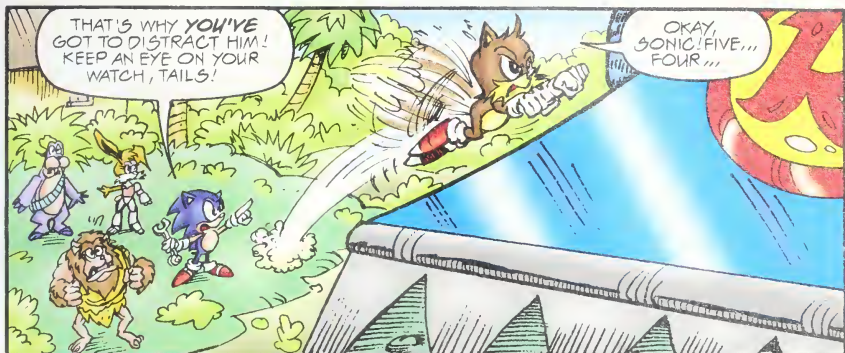
VERY FUNNY, HEDGEHOG!
WE'LL SEE WHO LAUGHS WHEN
DOCTOR ROBOTNIK ARRIVES
AND ORDERS YOU TO BE
ROBOTICIZED!

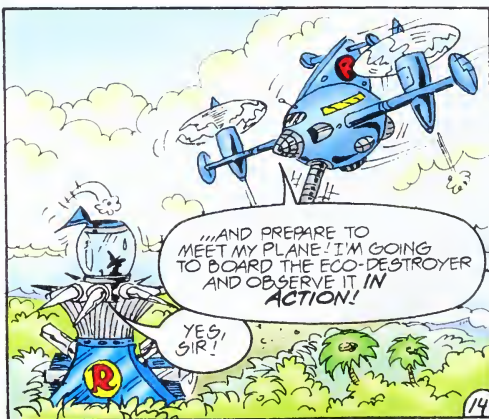
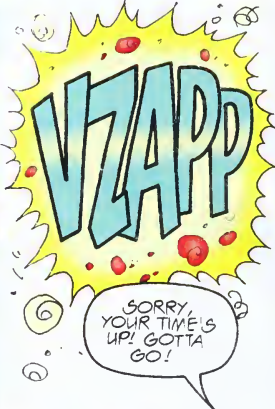
HE'S
LEAVING!
GET
READY...

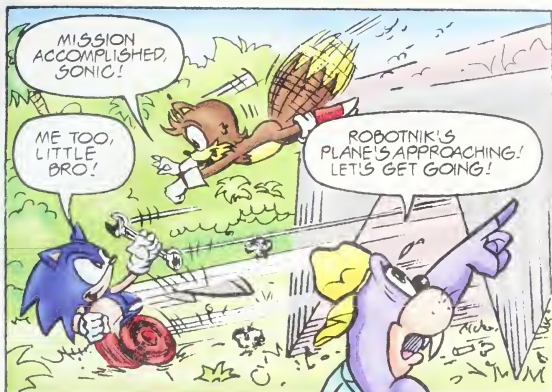


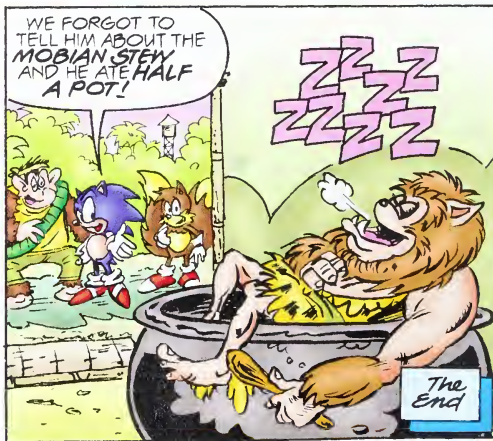
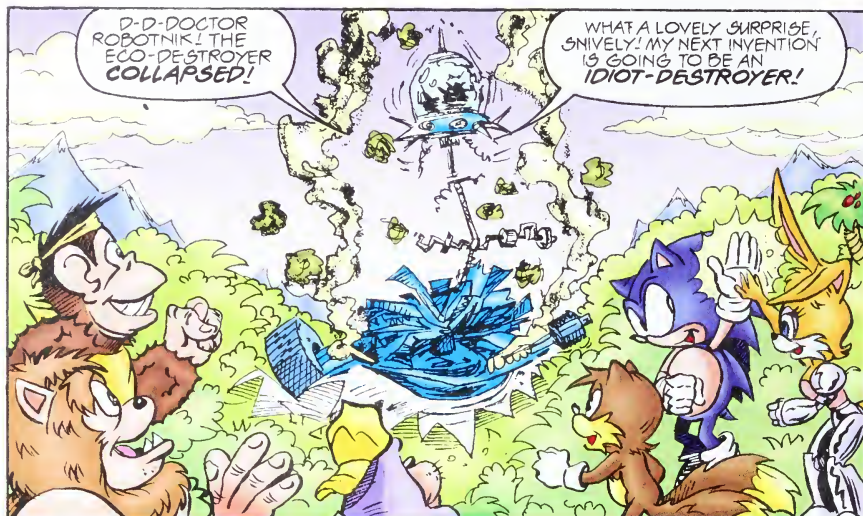












ACCEPTING THE MANTLE OF *GUARDIAN* OF THE *FLOATING ISLAND*, KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA KNEW HIS LIFE WOULD BE FRAUGHT WITH STALWART CHALLENGES...

EVER THE STAUNCH *HERO*, HE ACCEPTED THE FACT THAT HIS LIFE WOULD BE LADEN WITH *PERIL*...

PAT... PAT... PAT!

SWAK!

BUT WHEN HE MADE A VOW TO *PRINCESS SALLY* TO UNEARTH *KING ACORN'S* MISSING *ROYAL SWORD*...*

... NOT EVEN IN HIS *WILDEST DREAMS* DID HE BELIEVE HE'D END UP LITTLE MORE THAN A *TRAINED SEAL*!

MY *BODY* MAY BE *ENSLAVED*, BUT MY *THOUGHTS* ARE STILL MY OWN!*

GOT TO REMEMBER HOW I WOUND UP HERE-- *THINK* OF A WAY OUTTA THIS MESS!

PEEL ME ANOTHER *GRAPE*, *SLAVE*!

KNUCKLES QUEST 3:
A LAND OF DARK
A KNIGHT OF VIRTUE!

* WHO DOESN'T REMEMBER THE EVENTS DEPICTED IN *SONIC #42* -- EDITOR.

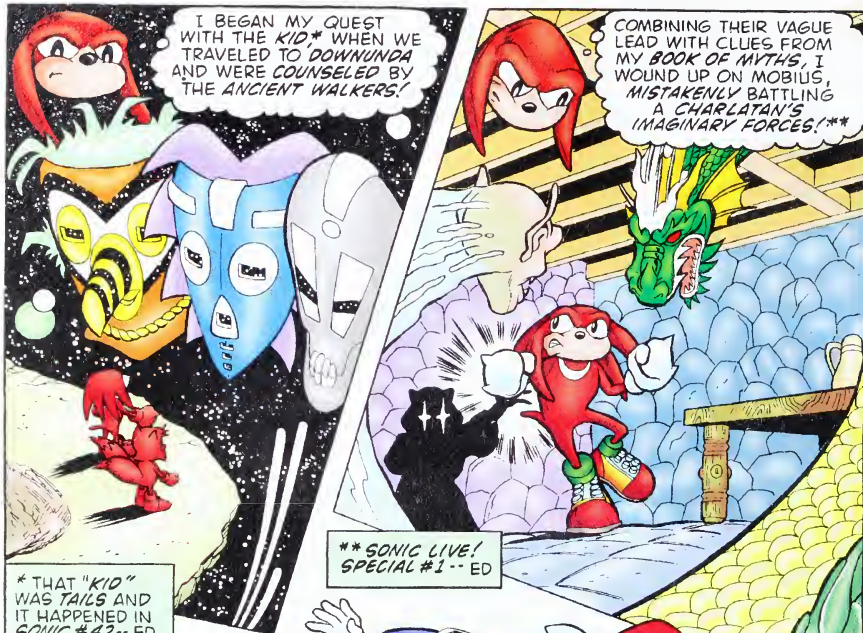
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I BEGAN MY QUEST WITH THE KID* WHEN WE TRAVELED TO DOWNUNDA AND WERE COUNSELED BY THE ANCIENT WALKERS!

COMBINING THEIR VAGUE LEAD WITH CLUES FROM MY BOOK OF MYTHS, I WOUND UP ON MOBIUS, MISTAKENLY BATTLING A CHARLATAN'S IMAGINARY FORCES! **

** SONIC LIVE!
SPECIAL #1 -- ED

* THAT "KID" WAS TAILS AND IT HAPPENED IN SONIC #42 -- ED

"I THEN GOT SIDE-TRACKED HELPING SONIC BATTLE HIS EVIL TWIN AND ROBOTNIK! ***"

*** SONIC #44!
-- ED AGAIN



"RETURNING HOME, I ENLISTED THE CHAOTIX* HELP IN RESUMING MY QUEST!"

"BELIEVING THE CHARLATAN'S CLUE OF THE LAND OF DARK TO BE AN OLD NAME FOR THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE ISLAND'S FORBIDDEN ZONE, I VENTURED FORTH..."

"...AND IN A LITTLE KNOWN, *SUPPOSEDLY* UNINHABITED REGION, I WAS ATTACKED BY TWO BEINGS!

CONSIDERING THE ANCIENT WALKERS' WARNINGS, AND THE WAY THEY DOUBLE-TEAMED ME, I KNEW THEY MUST BE...

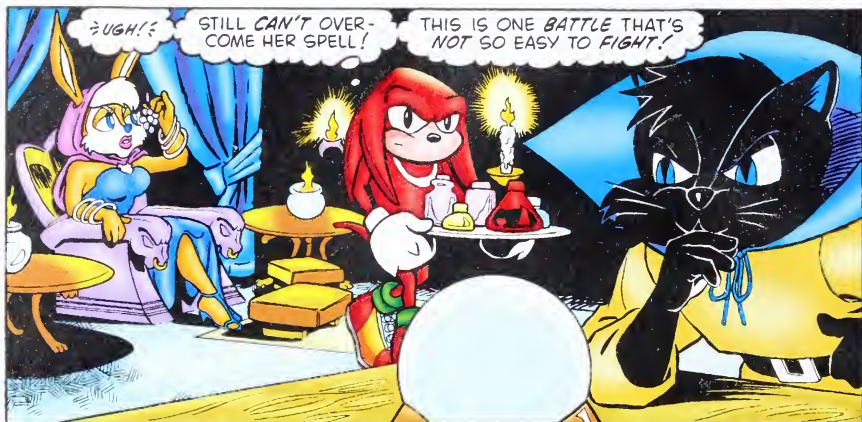
"DODGING HIS BLASTS LEFT ME WIDE OPEN-- WITH ONE LOOK, SHE CONTROLLED MY WILL!"

THE SORCEROR! AND THE ENCHANTRESS!

POOF!

BAMF!

NOW I'M THEIR SERVANT, THE FIRST OF THEIR UNWILLING ARMY, UNLESS I --



UGH!

STILL CAN'T OVER-
COME HER SPELL!

THIS IS ONE BATTLE THAT'S
NOT SO EASY TO FIGHT!

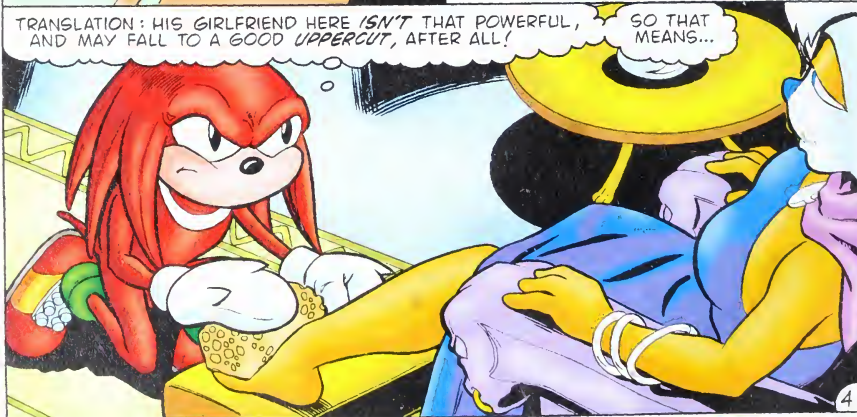
OKAY THEN, *THINK!* THE WALKERS SAID,
"...THERE EXIST A SORCEROR WIZARD AND
ALCHEMIST WHO STAND ALONE!"



I'LL TAKE THAT TO MEAN THAT THE
SORCEROR DOESN'T HANGS WITH
OTHER POWERFUL MYSTICS!

TRANSLATION: HIS GIRLFRIEND HERE *ISN'T* THAT POWERFUL,
AND MAY FALL TO A GOOD *UPPERCUT*, AFTER ALL!

SO THAT
MEANS...



STAY CALM! OKAY-- "A CHARLATAN, ENCHANTRESS AND PALADIN WITH FAIRNESS AND COURAGE THOU MUST FACE, WITH PATIENCE AND FORTITUDE A BLADE OF STEEL THOU MAY EMBRACE!"

I'VE FACED A CHARLATAN, I'M FACING THE ENCHANTRESS. I DON'T SEE A PALADIN-- FORCING ME TO JUST BE PATIENT!

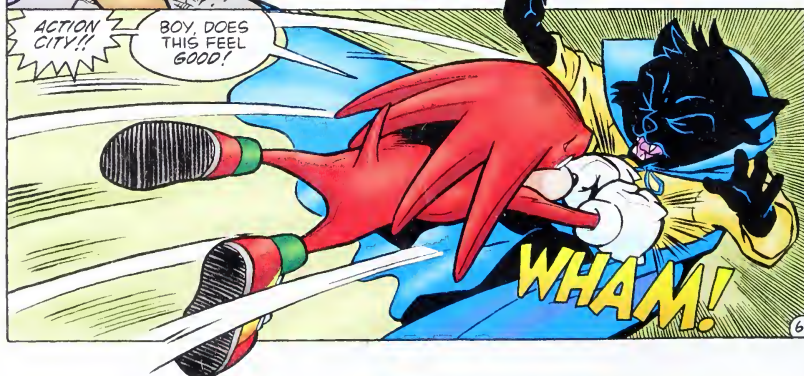
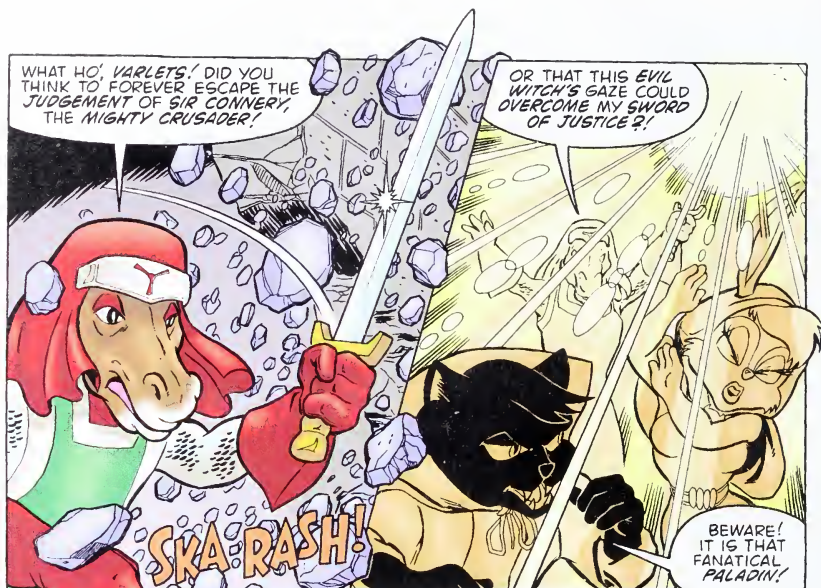
THROUGH SHEER STRENGTH OF WILL, THE UNYIELDING ECHIDNA PASSES ON, PERFORMING MENIAL TASK AFTER MENIAL TASK, THE HOURS TURNING INTO DAYS...

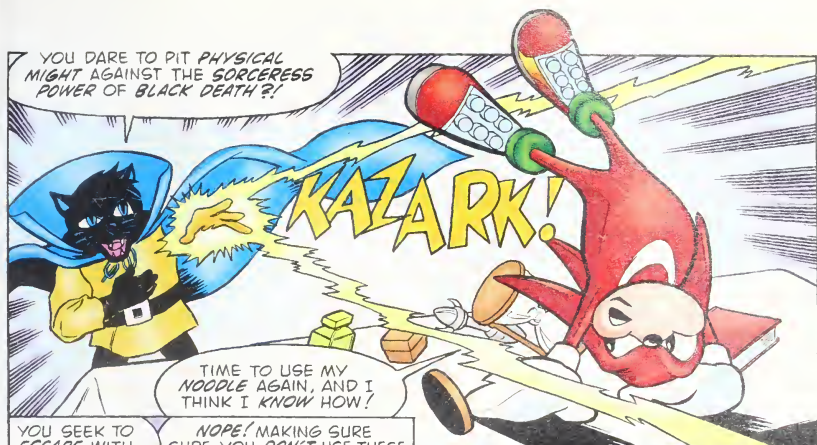
WITH VIRTUALLY ALL HOPE GONE AND DESPERATION DESCENDING, AS IF BY DIVINE RIGHT HIS FAITH OF PERSERVERANCE IS REAFFIRMED!

WHAT'S THAT?!

RRRIIIMMBBLL

IT SOUNDS LIKE A STAMPEDE OF HORSES! (5)



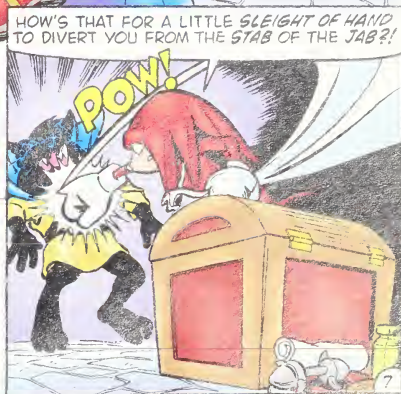
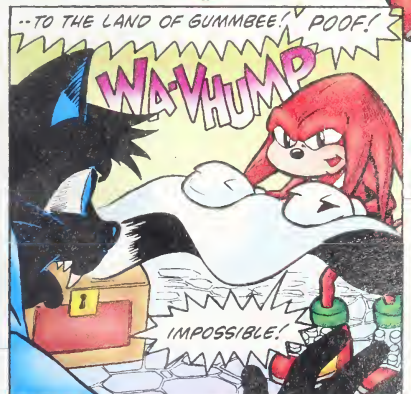
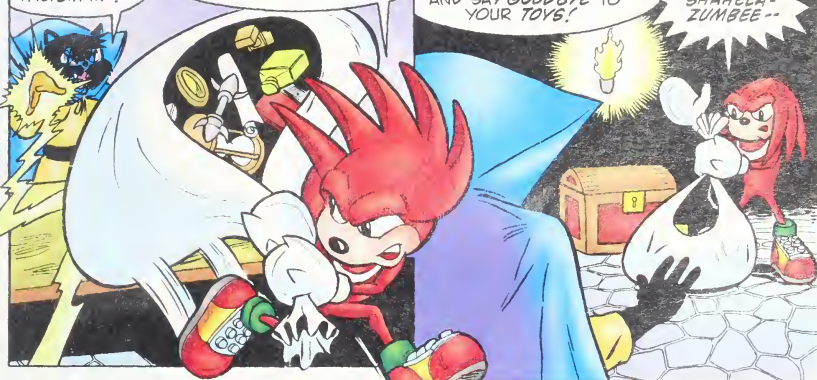


YOU SEEK TO ESCAPE WITH MY OWN TALISMAN?

NOPE! MAKING SURE SURE YOU DON'T USE THESE THINGS AGAINST ME!

WITNESS ECHIDNA MAGIC AND SAY GOODBYE TO YOUR TOYS!

SHAHELA-ZUMBEE--



AFTER SECURING THE PRISONERS, INTRODUCTIONS AND EXPLANATIONS ARE MADE ...

--AND I LEFT MY POST IN KING ACORN'S ROYAL GUARD WHEN THE CALL CAME UPON ME TO PURGE BLACK MAGIC FROM ALL THE REALMS!

WHAT ABOUT YOUR SWORD? IS IT THE KING'S?

NO, IT WAS GIVEN TO ME BY MY PATRON DIETIES, THE ANCIENT WALKERS!

HEY! SINCE I'M THEIR NUMBER ONE BOY, WHY DON'T YOU JOIN ME?

I CANNOT! MY SWORN OATH DEMANDS THE TOTAL PURGING OF EVIL MAGICIANS BEFORE I JOURNEY THE NEXT LEG OF MY HOLY CRUSADE!

BUT I CAN TELL YOU THIS--LOCATE THE EVIL MATHIAS POE AND DAMOCLES THE ELDER AND YOU MAY FIND THAT WHICH YOU SEEK!

AND WHERE DO THEY HANG THEIR HATS?

LOOK NOT TO THE CAVERN FILLED WITH CHAOS, BUT TO THE FLOATING ISLAND'S OTHER CAVERNS FILLED WITH CHAOS!

SOUNDS LIKE ANOTHER GOOSE CHASE, BUT AT LEAST I WON'T HAVE TO TRAVEL FAR!

WELL, WHATEVER IT TAKES, I'LL FIND THAT SWORD!

KNUCKLES' QUEST CONCLUDES NEXT ISSUE! DON'T MISS IT!

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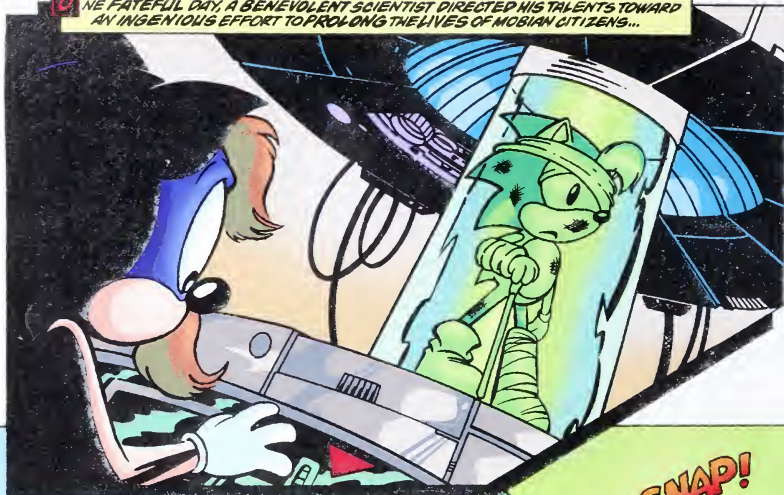
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10 THE FATEFUL DAY, A BENEVOLENT SCIENTIST DIRECTED HIS TALENTS TOWARD AN INGENUOUS EFFORT TO PROLONG THE LIVES OF MOBIAN CITIZENS...



...AND IN DOING SO, INADVERTENTLY CREATED AN INSTRUMENT OF DOMINATION, USED AS PART OF A SWEEPING TIDE OF TYRANNY, SIGNALING THE DOWNFALL OF PLANET MOBIUS AND ITS KINGDOM OF ACORN!

SNAP!



FOR
THE LOVE OF MOBIUS—
NO!!!

THE
ROBOTICIZATION
PROCESS WORKED ALL TOO
WELL—NOW MY BROTHER
IS JUST A MINDLESS
MACHINE!

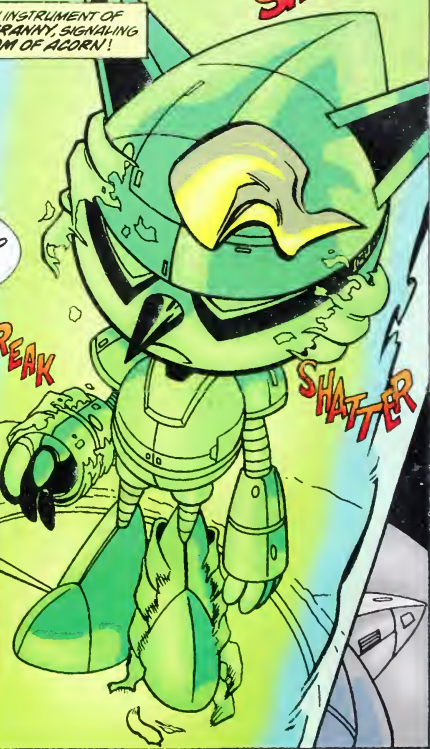
BREAK

SHATTER

A COUNTDOWN TO ARMAGEDDON

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THAT IS WAY PAST
COOL, UNCLE CHUCK!
HOW YA DOING IT?

WHERE'S THE
POPCORN?

WELL, SONIC, WHAT KIND OF SPY
I BE IF I DIDN'T INSTALL THE NEWEST
DIGITAL VIDEO TECHNOLOGY DIRECTLY
INTO MY OPTIC SENSORS?!

NOT ONLY CAN I
RECORD WHAT I SEE,
BUT I CAN ALSO PLAY
BACK ANY PRE-RECORDED
VIDEO!

YEAH,
BUT DO YOU
HAVE A DISH
ANTENNAE WITH
A HUNDRED MOVIE
STATIONS?!

DUH-CY!!

NOT QUITE.
HOWEVER--

--RETRIEVED FROM
ROBOTROPOLIS BY MY SPY
NETWORK; THIS VIDEO IS
A BY-PRODUCT OF A SECRET
SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM
USED IN THE FORMER
ROYAL PALACE--

"--AND PROVIDES PROOF THAT
ROBOTNIK, IN HIS FORMER
IDENTITY AS WARLORD
JULIAN, SABOTAGED MY
ORIGINAL ROBOTICIZER!"

"IT WAS HIS INTERVENTION
THAT TRANSFORMED A
TOOL OF MEDICINE INTO A
WEAPON OF WAR."

AND EXCEPT FOR A
FEW TIMES WHEN WE WERE
LUCKY*, I DON'T THINK
WE'LL EVER BE ABLE TO
DEROBOTICIZE ALL
THOSE POOR SOULS!

SOME
HUMANITARIAN
I AM!

* CHECK OUT
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EDITOR.

IT'S **NOT**
YOUR
FAULT!

DON'T **DESPAIR**! I HAVE AN IDEA--
WHILE ROTOR LOOKS AFTER FATHER,
THIS WOULD BE A PERFECT TIME
FOR ONE OF MY SPECIAL MILITARY
RETREATS!



AS TWILIGHT DESCENDS,
PRINCESS SALLY ATTEMPTS
TO USE THE PICTURESQUE
GREAT FOREST AS A
SERENE BACKDROP TO
RENEW HER TROOPS'
RESOLVE...

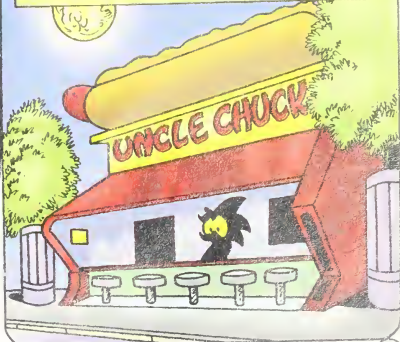
...BUT AS THE CAMPFIRE
POW-WOW TAKES PLACE...

...AND YOUR VIDEO
CAMERA EYES ARE A
GREAT ADDITION TO
YOUR ESPIONAGE
ACTIVITIES!

I ONLY
DEMONSTRATED
THEM IN A VAIN
ATTEMPT TO
BOLSTER MY OWN
COURAGE!

THE TRUTH IS, I'M JUST
ROBOTNIK'S PAWN! HE
KNEW MY GUILT WOULD
FORCE ME TO RESIGN
MY POSITION AS THE
KINGDOM'S SCIENTIFIC
ADVISOR!

"SO I SUPPRESSED MY REMORSE BY TRANS-
FORMING FROM DR. CHARLES, INVENTOR, TO
UNCLE CHUCK, CHILI-DOG PROPRIETOR!"





STILL--

OUR DISCOVERY
THAT ONE OF OUR OWN AGENTS,
SLEUTH DOGGY DOG, IS
NOW A CONVICTED TRAITOR*,
IS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF
MY SHORTCOMINGS!



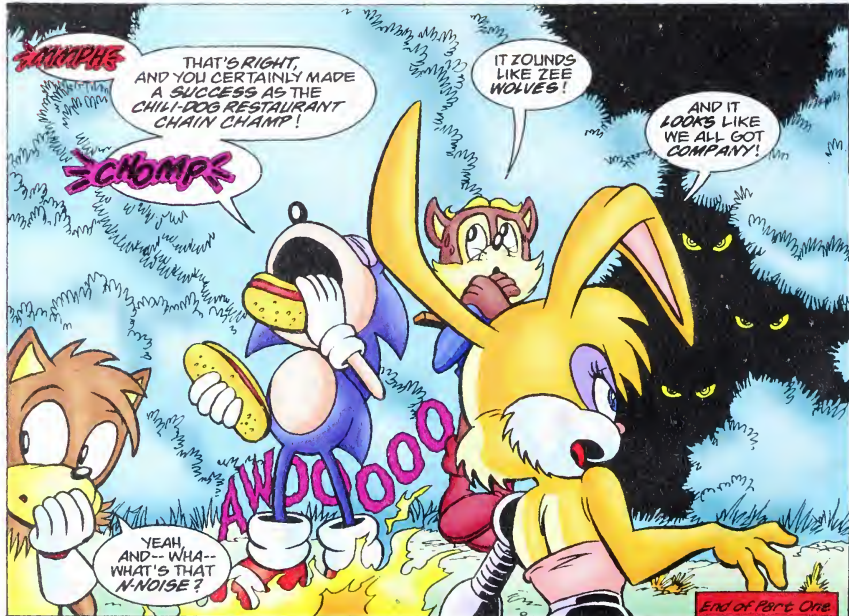
* SONIC #42--EDITOR AGAIN!



I DIDN'T EVEN
KNOW ABOUT THE EXISTENCE
OF THE DEATH EGG UNTIL IT
WAS ALMOST TOO LATE FOR
US ALL*. I HAVE **FAILED**
MORE OFTEN THAN NOT,
PRINCESS.

THAT'S NOT TRUE!
IN THE FIRST TWO INSTANCES
THE **ONLY** THING YOU **DIDN'T**
DO IS DIG DEEP ENOUGH
FOR THE TRUTH--!

* SONIC QUEST #1-3
(LIMITED SERIES)--ED.



THAT'S RIGHT,
AND YOU CERTAINLY MADE
A SUCCESS AS THE
CHILI-DOG RESTAURANT
CHAIN CHAMP!

IT SOUNDS
LIKE ZEE
WOLVES!

AND IT
LOOKS LIKE
WE ALL GOT
COMPANY!

YEAH
AND-- WHA--
WHAT'S THAT
A-NOISE?

END OF PART ONE

WHADDYA SAY,

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

LET'S SHED A
LITTLE LIGHT ON
OUR INTRUDERS!

EASE OFF,
GIRL! I
RECOGNIZE
THEM--

--THEY'RE THE
BAND OF FREEDOM
FIGHTERS KNOWN AS--
THE WOLFPACK!*

LUPE!
GOOD TO SEE
YOU!

GREETINGS, PRINCESS!
I'M GLAD WE STUMBLED ON YOUR
FRIENDLY CAMPSITE AFTER
SUCH A FIERCE BATTLE!

*FIRST SEEN IN
THE ANIMATED
EPISODE "CRY
OF THE WOLF".
EDITOR.

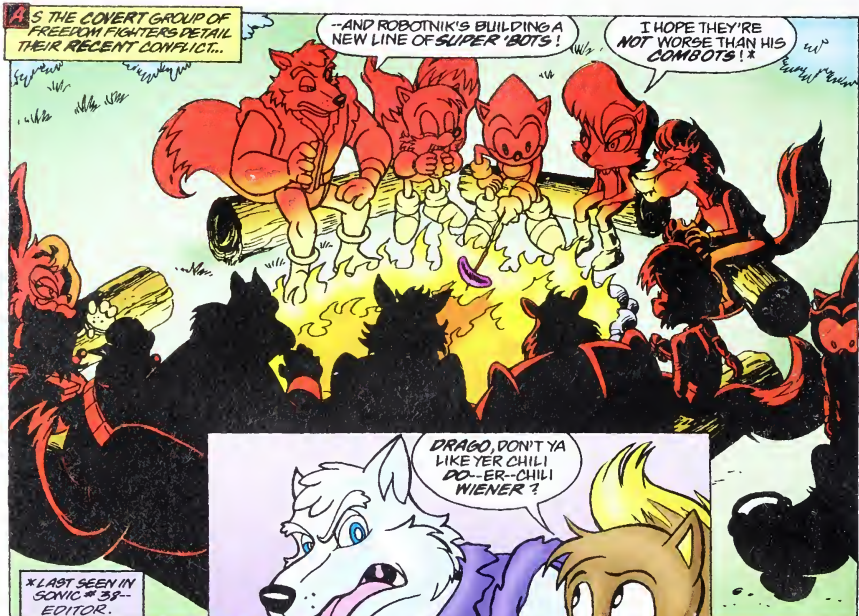
A COUNTDOWN TO ARMAGEDDON

PART TWO

4 **IS THE COVERT GROUP OF
FREEDOM FIGHTERS DETAIL
THEIR RECENT CONFLICT...**

--AND ROBOTNIK'S BUILDING A
NEW LINE OF SUPER 'BOTS!

I HOPE THEY'RE
NOT WORSE THAN HIS
COMBOTS! *



*LAST SEEN IN
SONIC #33--
EDITOR.

DRAGO, DON'T YA
LIKE YER CHILI
DO--ER--CHILI
WIENER?

YES, WHAT'S
DISTURBING ME IS
THAT AFTER LEAVING A
PEN OF ROBOTS--



--WE ARE NOW
FEEDING WITH
ONE!

WHAT YA
MEAN?! UNCLE
CHUCK'S ONE
OF US!



REALLY? HOW DO
YOU KNOW HE'S NOT
ROBOTNIK'S SPY?

BECAUSE I SAY
SO, TOUGH GUY!

--AND WHEN
SONIC THE
AMATEUR,
SPEAKS, PEOPLE
LISTEN!



NOW TAKE MY
PROFESSIONAL
ADVICE--CLIT DOWN ON
THE CAMPFIRE BEFORE
YOU ATTRACT THE ENTIRE
PLANET!

GEOFFREY
ST. JOHN*, WHAT
ARE YOU DOING
HERE?

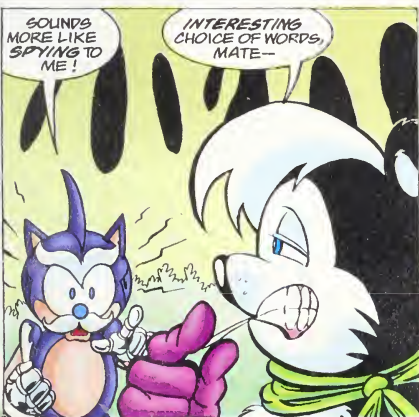


*REMEMBER HIM, GANG? HE FIRST
APPEARED IN THE PRINCESS SALLY MINI-
SERIES, AND HAS BEEN A PAIN IN SONIC'S
SIDE SINCE ISSUE #31! -- EDITOR.



HELLO,
LUV!

I GUESS YOU COULD SAY
I'VE BEEN DOING A BIT OF
"SLEUTH-ING" BY "DOG-GERLY"
FOLLOWING CHUCKIE'S
EVERY MOVE!



SOUNDS
MORE LIKE
SPYING TO
ME!

INTERESTING
CHOICE OF WORDS,
MATE--

--ESPECIALLY SINCE
THE AGENT WHO UNCOVERED
YOUR VIDEO WAS ONE OF
ROBOTNIK'S SPIES--SLEUTH
DOGGY DOG!

IS THIS
TRUE?

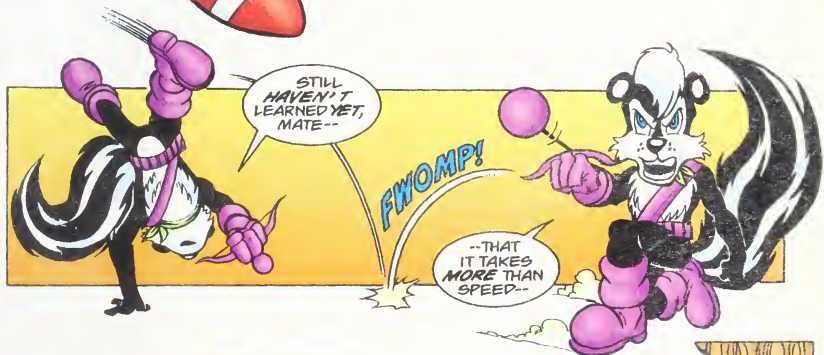






WELL, YOUR
HEAD'S GOING
TO BE SLICKING
DIRT!

WHUFF



STILL
HAVEN'T
LEARNED YET,
MATE--

FWOMP!

--THAT
IT TAKES
MORE THAN
SPEED--



--IT ALSO TAKES SKILL,
EXPERIENCE, AND
CLUNNING!



TOO BAD IT'S THE
LAST LESSON YOU'LL
EVER LEARN!

GEOFFREY!
NO!

END OF PUTE TWO

ACOUNTDOWN TO ARMAGEDDON

PART THREE

THAT EES ENOUGH!

THE 'EDGEHOG MAY BE ZEE IMBECILE LIKE YOU, BUT EVEN HE DOES NOT DESAIRVE DEATH!

THRACK!

SAVED AND INSULTED IN THE SAME SECOND-- NOW THAT'S SPEED!

WOW! WOTTA PUNCH!

WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM, MATE? THIS DOESN'T INVOLVE YOU!

MY PROBLEM IS WITH YOU, L'PEW.

I WILL NO LONGER SUPPUE MY DOLIBTS ABOUT YOU!

YOU DAIRE TO SAY LUNCLE CHUCK IS ZEE TRAITOR?

NO! IT IS YOU WHO ARE ZEE SPY!

HOW CAN THAT BE?



YEARS AGO, ZEE TOP
GENERAL AND CLOSE FRIEND
CONVINCED ZEE KING THAT
ONE DAY HE MIGHT NEED ZEE
REBEL UNDERGROUND...



I WAS 'IS CADET-IN-
TRAINING, PREPARING FOR
ZEE DAY WHEN THE KINGDOM
MIGHT BE ATTACKED FROM
HER ENEMIES...



BEFORE THE UNDER-
GROUND WAS ESTABLISHED,
HOWEVAIRE, THAT GENERAL
BECAME ZEE CASUALTY OF
ROBOTNIK'S WAR!



THEN YOU SHOW--
POOF! E-- CLAIMING TO
BE ITS LEADER!*



WHO WAS
THIS "SUPPOSED"
GENERAL, MATE?



NOPE! IN FACT,
IN THE *EARLY* DAYS
OF THE WAR, HE EVEN
SAVED MUH
LIFE!

KUHANG!

EVER THE DASHIN'
HERO, HE BOWED BEFORE
ROYALTY, OFFERING HIS
HONOR AND COURAGE TO
RESTORE THE REALM!

"IN TIME, HIS LOYALTY SPROUTED
TO MISGUIDED LOVE..."

BUT WITHOUT THE LOVE HE
CRAVED FROM GALLY OR HIS
MISSING FATHER, HE KINDA--
LOST HIS WAY!

GOSH, I
NEVER
KNEW!

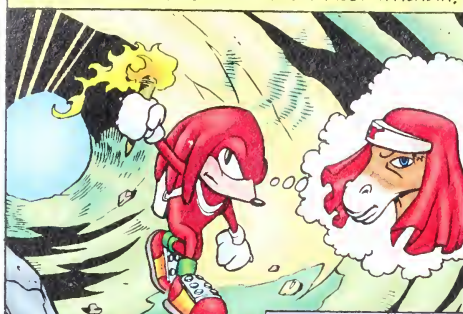
MAYBE I SHOULD
SAY SOMETHING
TO HIM!

NO--I'LL
GO...





ON A QUEST TO FIND KING ACORN'S MAGIC SWORD, DESTINY DECREED KNUCKLES WOULD MEET A PALADIN!



LIKE MANY HISTORIC EXPEDITIONS, THAT WHICH IS NOT FOUND BY FORTITUDE...

* KNUX MET SIR CONVERY LAST ISSUE! -- ED

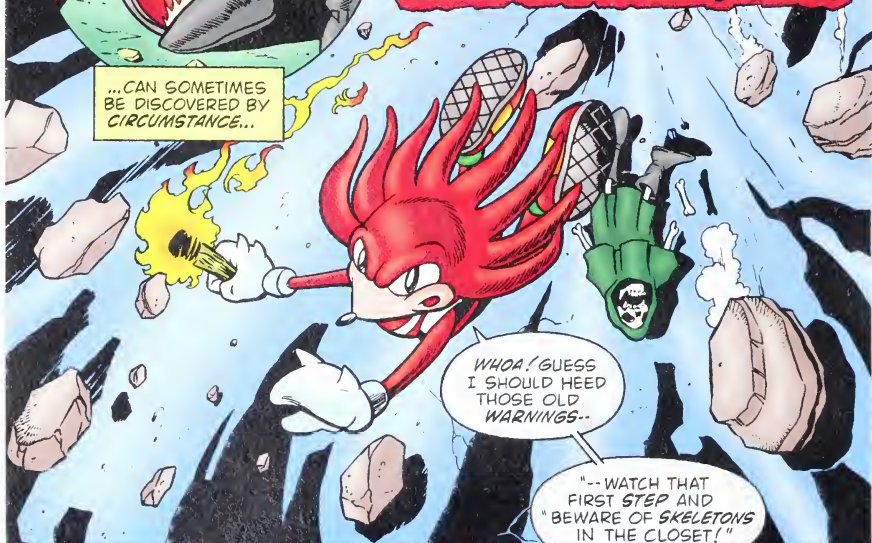
UNRAVELING THE HOLY KNIGHT'S CRYPTIC CLUES, THE HEROIC ECHIDNA VAINLY SEARCHES THE NUMEROUS CAVERNS OF HIS FLOATING ISLAND HOME.



KNUCKLES QUEST 4:

A GOAT, A RAVEN AND A SWAN SONG!

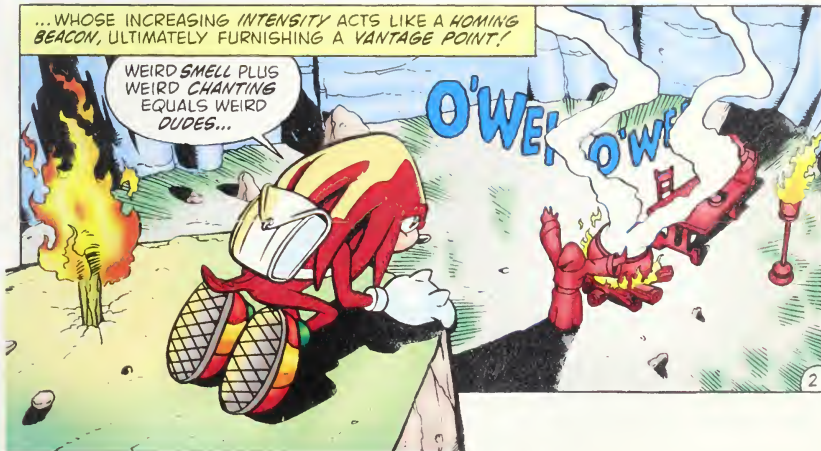
...CAN SOMETIMES BE DISCOVERED BY CIRCUMSTANCE...



WHOA! GUESS I SHOULD HEED THOSE OLD WARNINGS--

"--WATCH THAT FIRST STEP AND 'BEWARE OF SKELETONS IN THE CLOSET!'"

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... AND THOSE WEIRDOS LOOK LIKE
THE WIZARD AND ALCHEMIST THE ANCIENT
WALKERS WARNED ME ABOUT! *

* BACK IN SONIC #42 -- ED

"BASED ON WHERE I FOUND
THEM, I'LL BET THEY'RE
ALSO-- MATHIAS POE AND
DAMOCLES THE ELDER!"

THAT REFLECTION IS SHORT-LIVED,
AS THE SAME CIRCUMSTANCE THAT
BROUGHT KNUCKLES HERE ALSO
COMPROMISES HIS STRATEGIC POSITION



TIME FOR A LITTLE
SUR-PRIZE ATT--

WHOA!

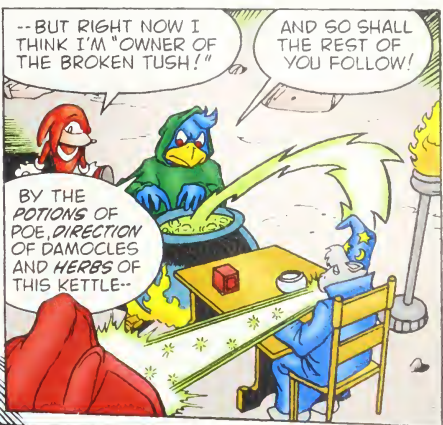


WHAT?! WHO DARES INVADE THE SANCTUM OF MATHIAS POE?

OUCH!

GUARDIAN OF THE FLOATING ISLAND WOULD NORMALLY DO--

BUMP!



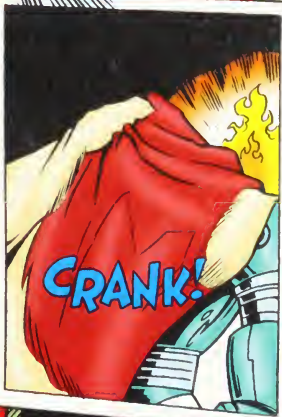
-- BUT RIGHT NOW I THINK I'M "OWNER OF THE BROKEN TUSH!"

AND SO SHALL THE REST OF YOU FOLLOW!

BY THE POTIONS OF POE, DIRECTION OF DAMOCLES AND HERBS OF THIS KETTLE--



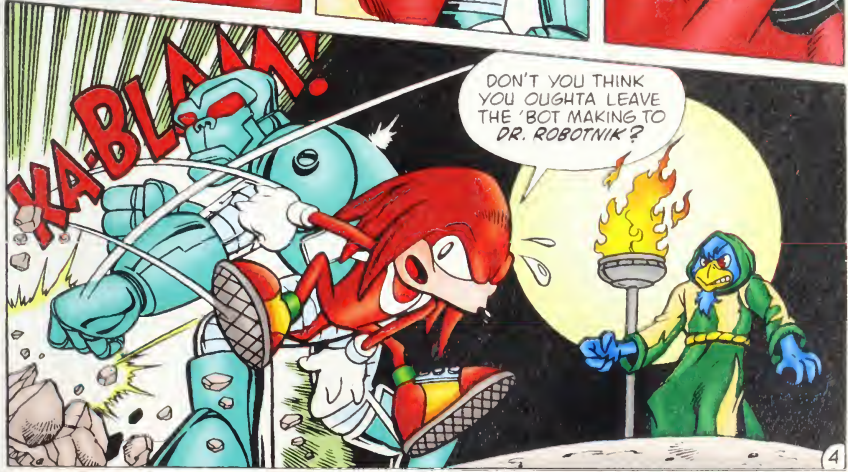
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CRANK!

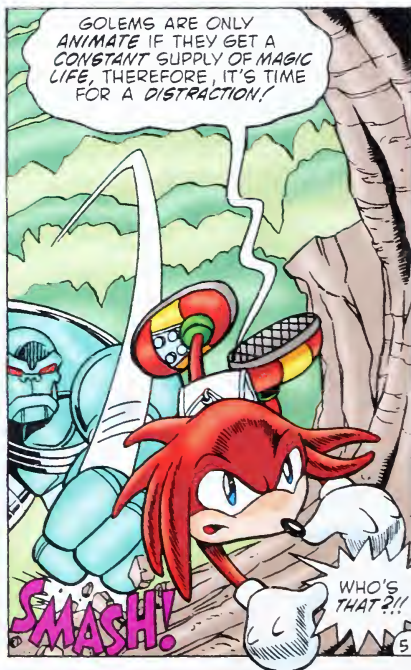


CLOSHK!



KA-BLAM!

DON'T YOU THINK YOU OUGHTA LEAVE THE 'BOT MAKING TO DR. ROBOTNIK?



HAHAHAHAHA

ROASTED
RAVEN--
EVERYONE'S
FAVORITE!

AAA
RRRKKK!

ARRKK!

HEY! LOOKS
LIKE THE BIG LUG
STRIPPED A GEAR!

HE'S
VULNERABLE
NOW! TERMINATE
HIM!

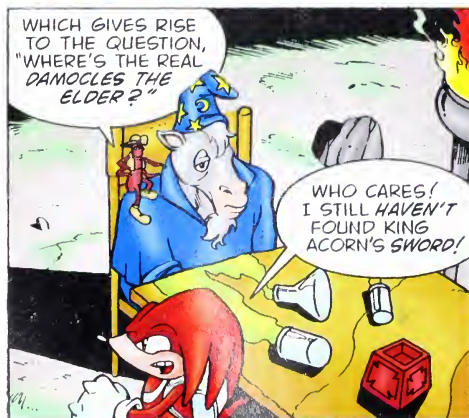
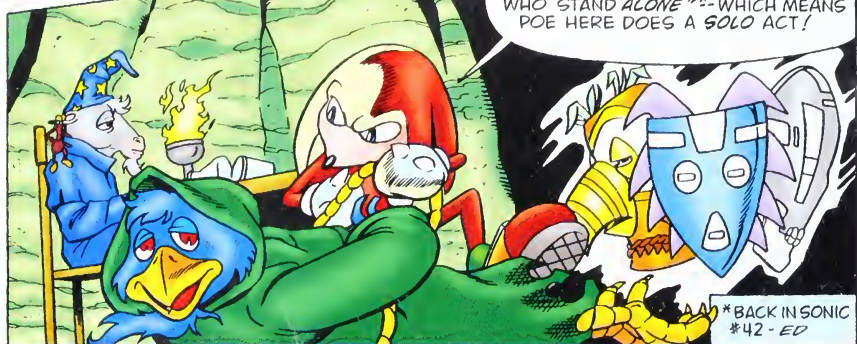
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VISTA, IRON
PANTS!

CREEK

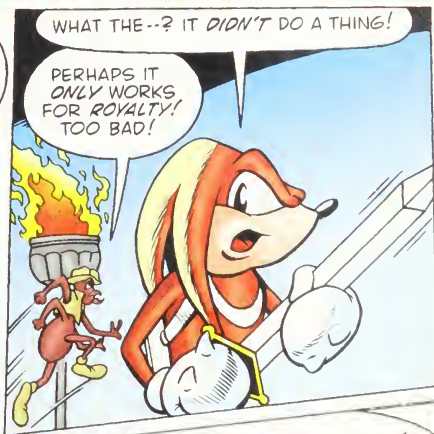
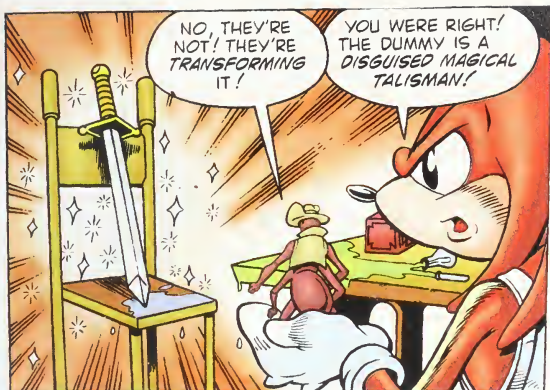
KRONIK

GOOD THING FOR YOU
I'M UP ON MAGICAL LORE
AND HITCHED A RIDE IN
YOUR BACKPACK TO
SAVE YOUR BUTT!

THANKS, "TEACH",
BUT WHAT DID YOU
DO TO THIS DUMMY?
HE'S NOT MOVING!



*BACK IN SONIC
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THIS IS IT!
THE ULTIMATE
BATTLE BEGINS HERE!
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It is the year 3235 on the planet Mobius and the war being fought upon its surface lands has entered its eleventh year. A war that began as another had just concluded. A war that had its origins from the seeds of betrayal within.

Warlord Julian had seized the power and authority of the House of Acorn, and exiled the King forevermore to the Zone of Silence. Upon which, Julian became Robotnik and began a systematic conquest of the now-renamed Robotropolis and all its inhabitants.

It is now the eve of what may prove to be the final battle between the successors to the House of Acorn and its usurper. A battle full of heroes and villains, winners and losers, those that survive and those who have fallen...



THERE'S OUR
TARGET FOR TONIGHT,
SONIC!


YOU SURE
YOU'RE UP TO IT,
SAL?

BUT OF
COURSE!
ARE YOU?



I'M ALWAYS
UP FOR TRASHIN' OL'
RO-BUTT-NIK!

JUST
REMEMBER TO
FOLLOW THE
PLAN!



FIRST WE
GOTTA GET
WHERE WE'RE
GOING--



--IS IF YOU
GET THERE WITH
STYLE!

HANG
ON,
SAL!

HAVE I ANY
CHOICE?

--AND THE
ONLY WAY TO
GET THERE--

"THEY'VE REACHED PINNACLE--"

"--RIGHT ON
SCHEDULE"

IF ALL GOES
AS PLANNED,
ROBOTNIK
WON'T EVEN
KNOW WHAT
HIT HIM!

I'D AGREE
ONLY IF THE PACK
WERE HANDLING
THIS!

WE'RE NOT
FREE AGENTS,
DRAGO!

YOU'D
DO WELL TO
REMEMBER
THIS!

NOW,
SIGNAL THE
OTHERS!

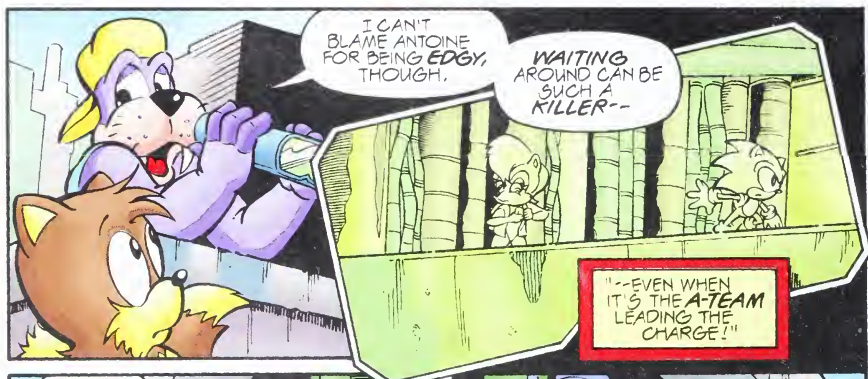
ELSEWHERE IN ANOTHER
SECTOR OF THE CITY...

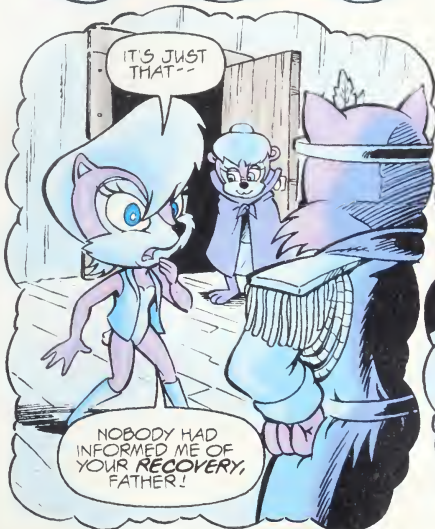
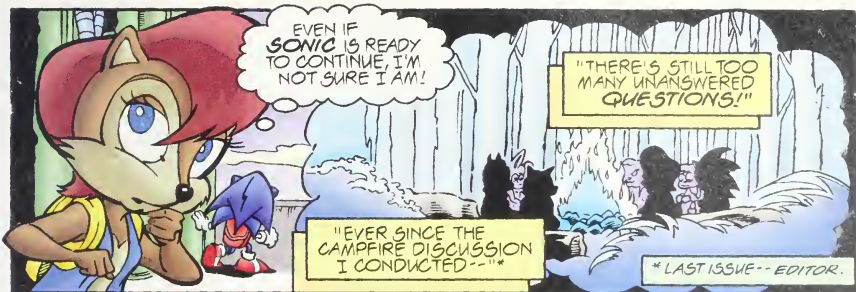
I DON'T
UNDERSTAND!
I'M A DOCTOR,
NOT A COM-
MANDO!

YOU ARE HERE,
DOCTAIRE, BECAUSE
YOU WERE ORDERED
TO BE!

IN ZE
EVENT OF
EMERGENCY
WE MAY
NEED--

ZUT ALORS! MY
COMMUNICATOR!





--AND VERY
FEW WE CAN REALLY
TRUST!

AS WE SPEAK,
ROBOTNIK IS SET TO UN-
LEASH HIS MOST DEVASTATING
ATTACK YET!

IN
ADDITION--

THIS ISN'T A
TIME FOR WEAKNESS,
SALLY!

I NEED HIM TO
ACCOMPANY YOU
ON YOUR NEXT
MISSION--

I COULDN'T BELIEVE WHAT
I HAD JUST HEARD. ALL OF
A SUDDEN, I FELT AS THOUGH
MY FATHER WAS A STRANGER
TO ME!

--IT'S COME TO MY
ATTENTION WE MAY HAVE
A TRAITOR IN OUR
MIDST.

NONE OTHER
THAN SONIC THE
HEDGEHOG!

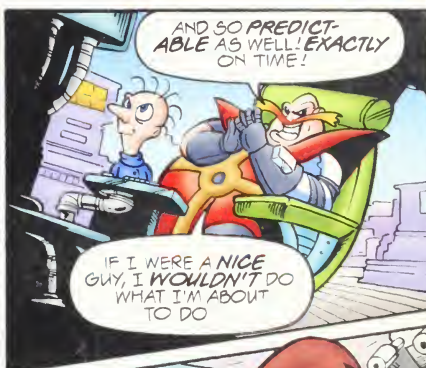
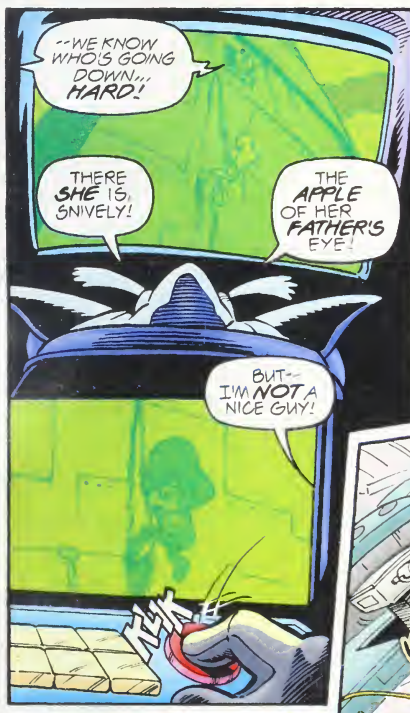
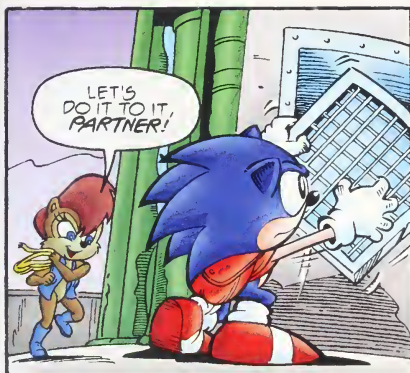
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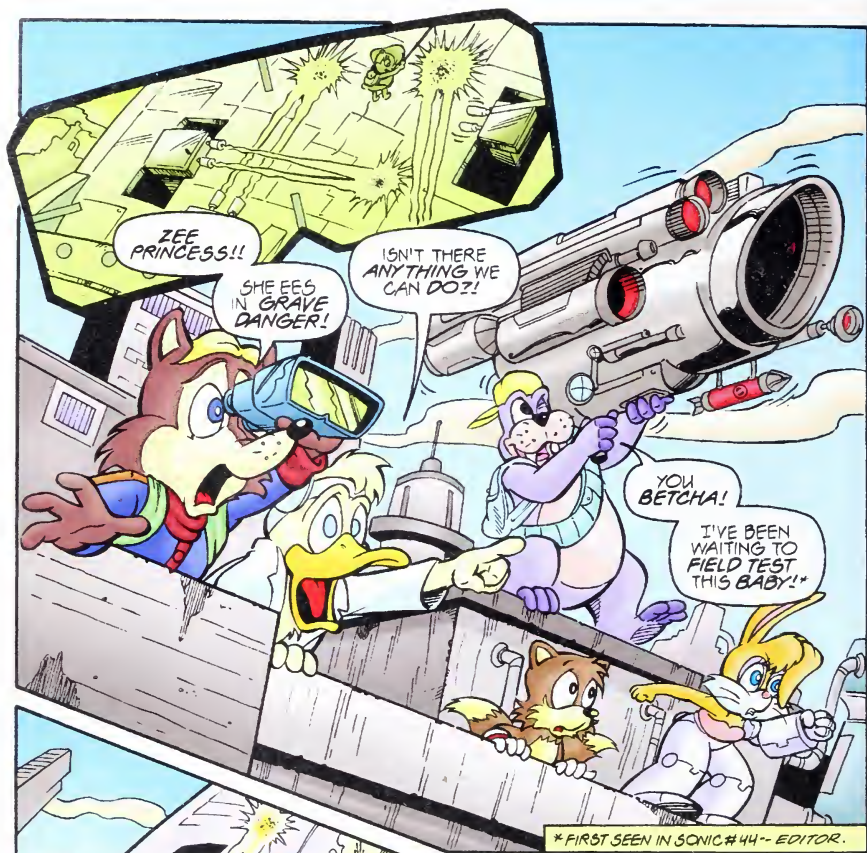
--SO THAT
YOU MAY ASCERTAIN
WHERE HIS TRUE
LOYALTIES
LIE!

EVEN
NOW--

--I KNOW
IN MY HEART SONIC
WOULD NEVER
BETRAY US!

SAL?
GIVE THE
WORD!





ZEE PRINCESS!!

SHE EES IN GRAVE DANGER!

ISN'T THERE ANYTHING WE CAN DO?!

YOU BETCHA!

I'VE BEEN WAITING TO FIELD TEST THIS BABY!!

*FIRST SEEN IN SONIC #44--EDITOR.



KRA-KOON!

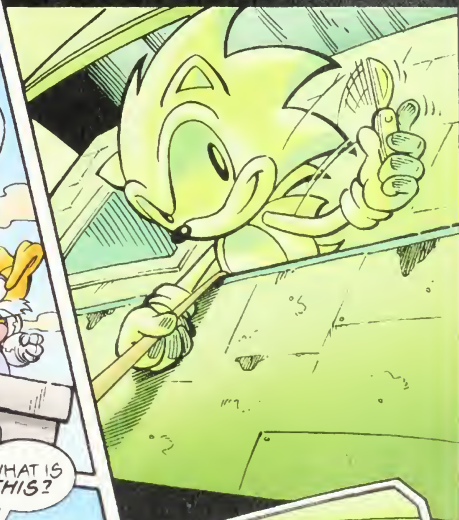
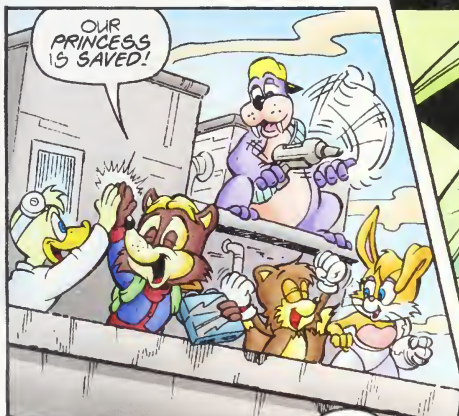
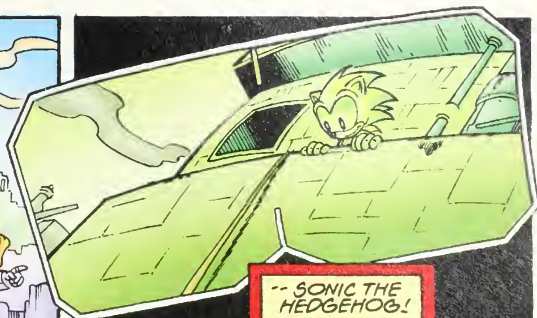
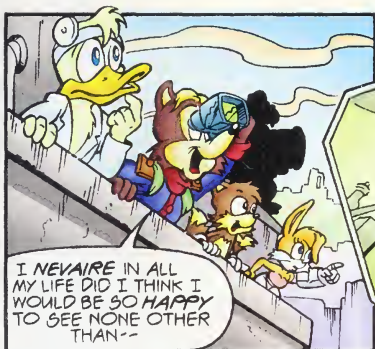
NOW THAT WAS WICKED!

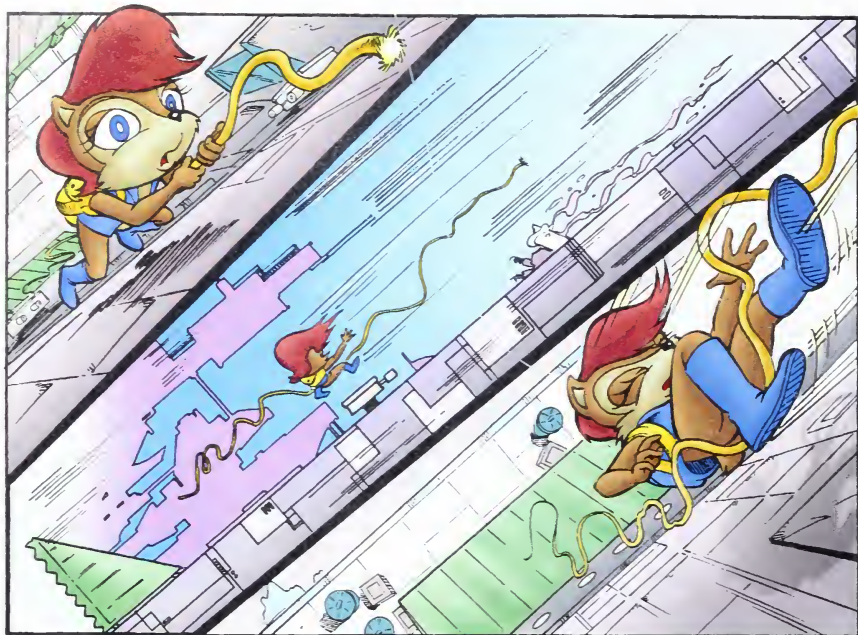


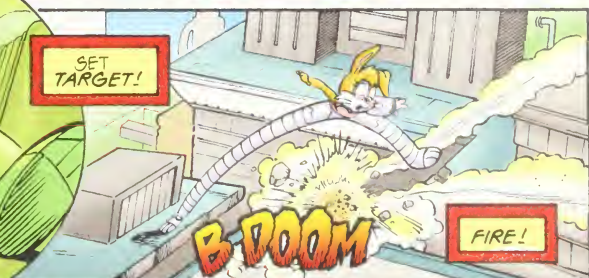
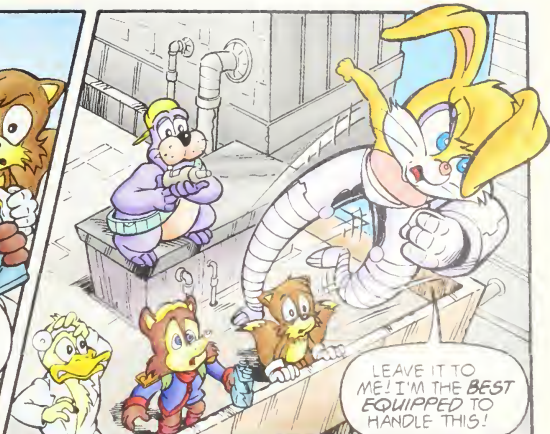
DON'T PAT YOURSELF ON THE BACK SO SOON, MON AMI!

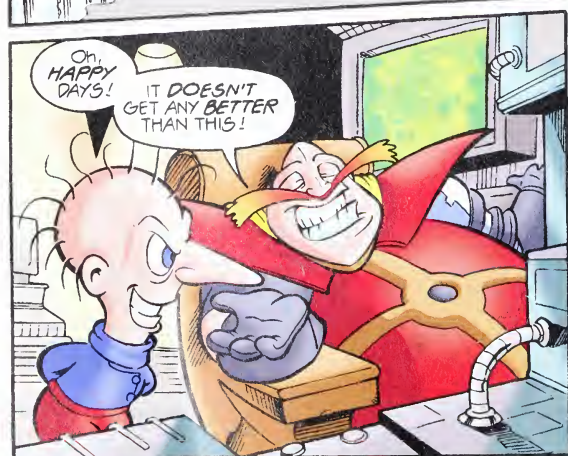
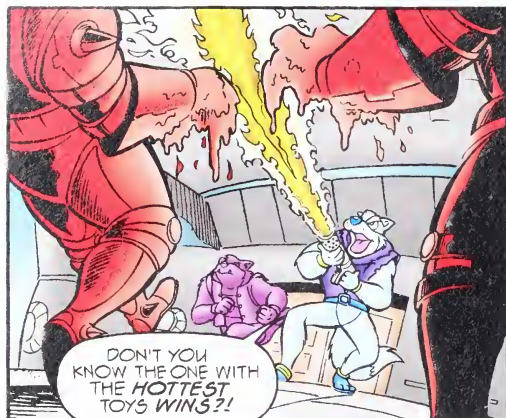
SHE'S STILL IN DANGER! SHE'S--WAIT!

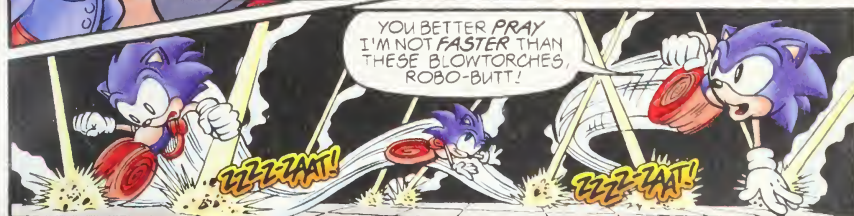
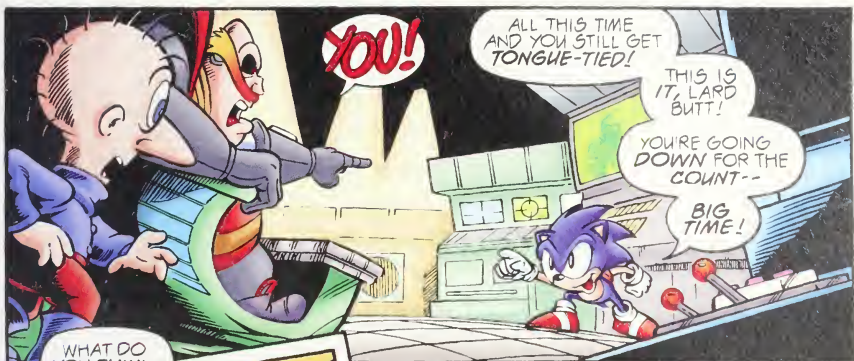
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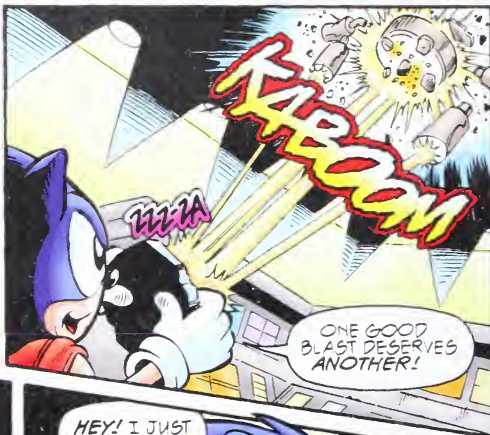
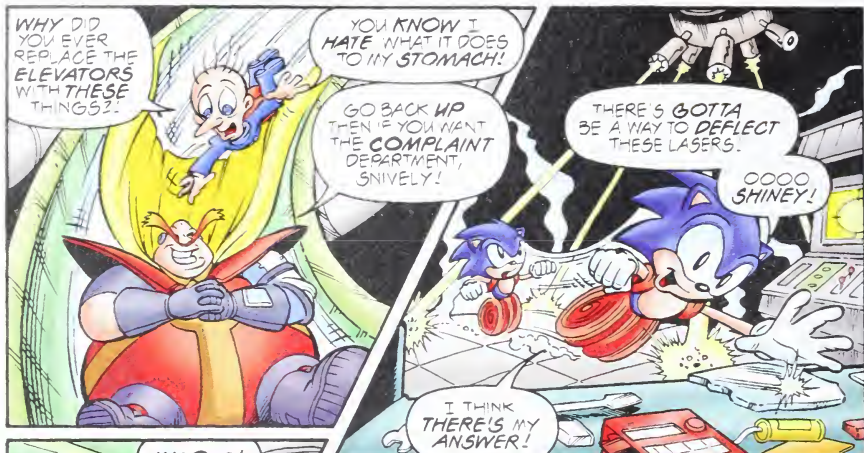


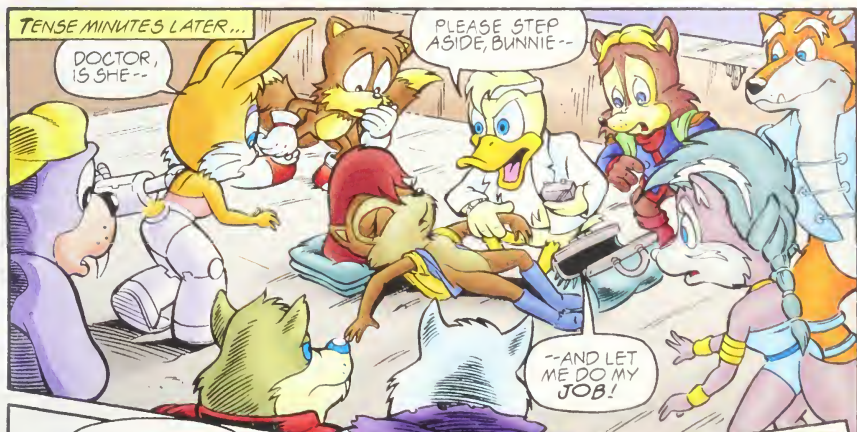


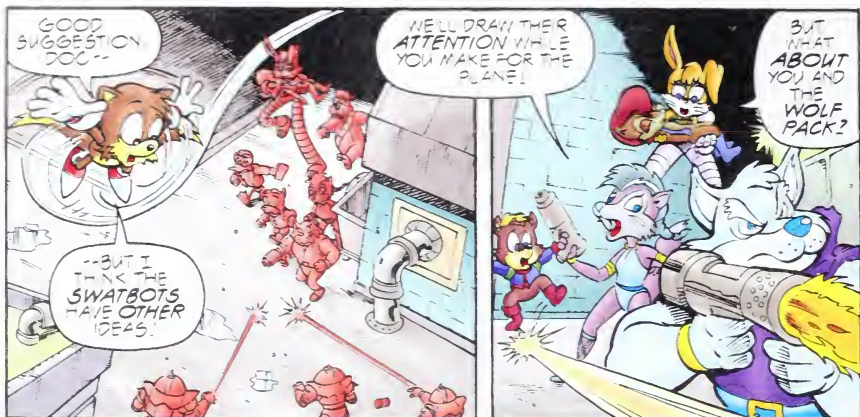


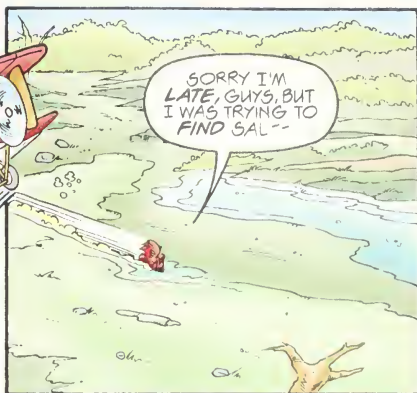


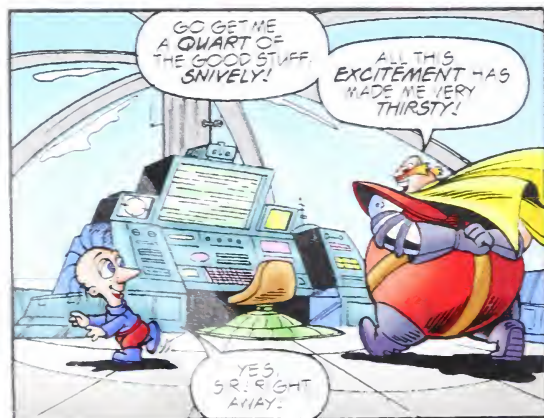
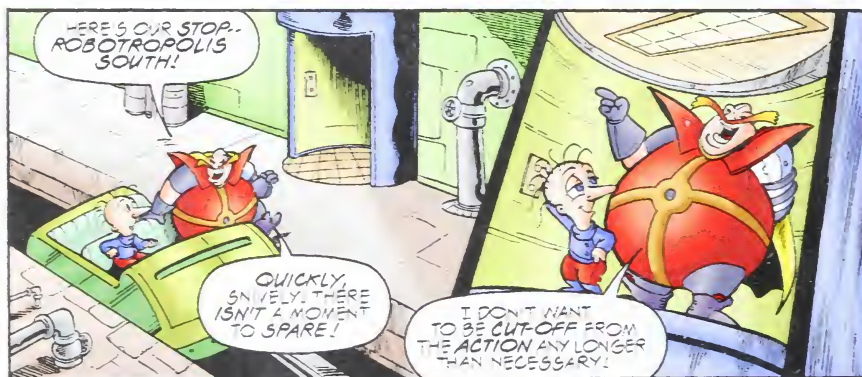
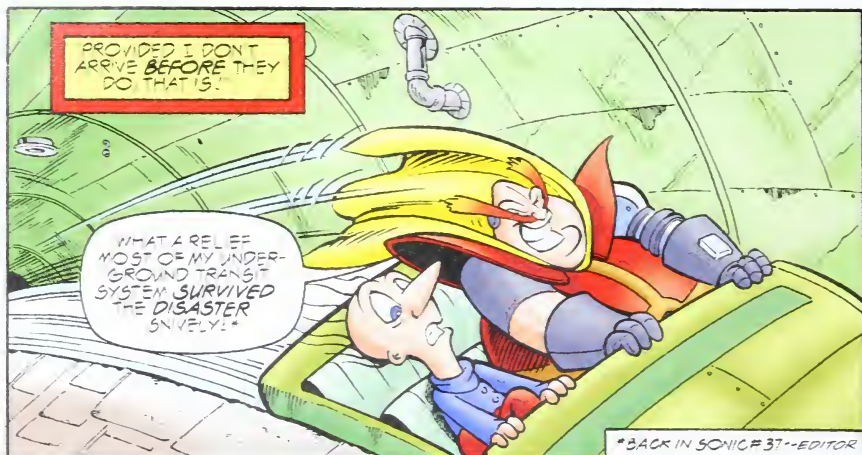


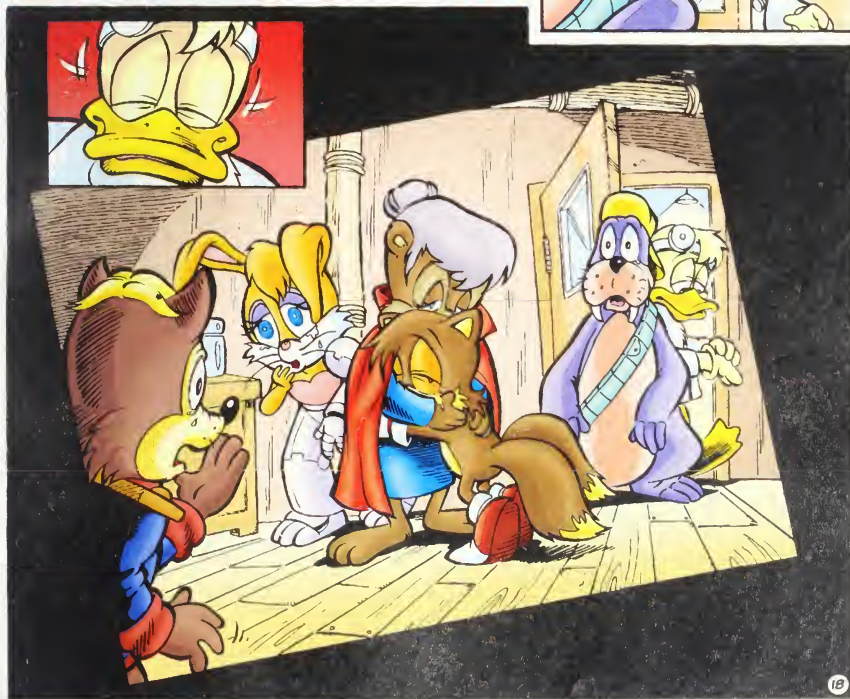
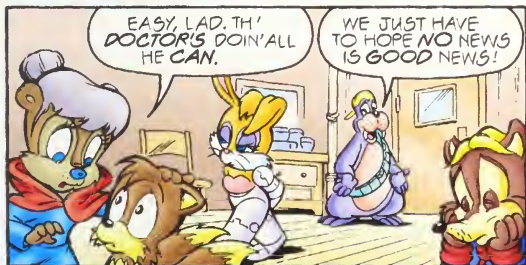
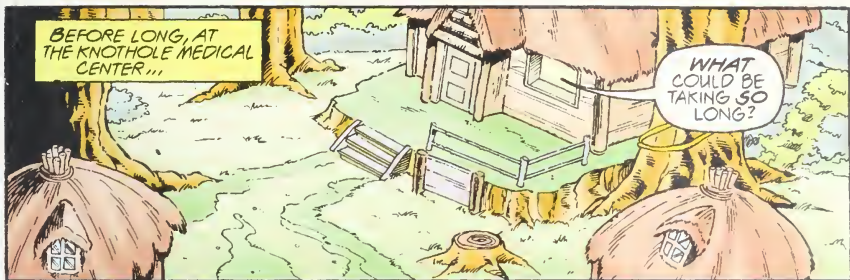


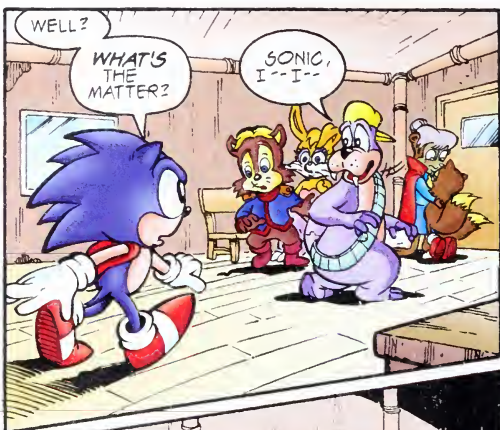


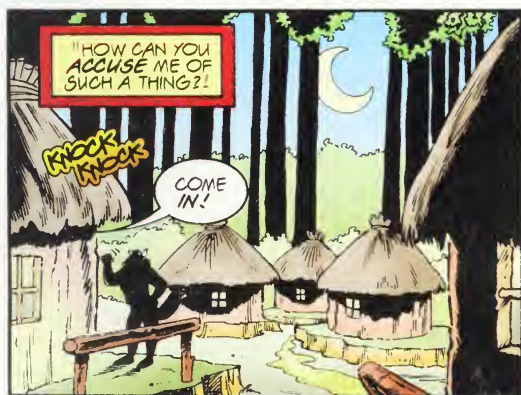
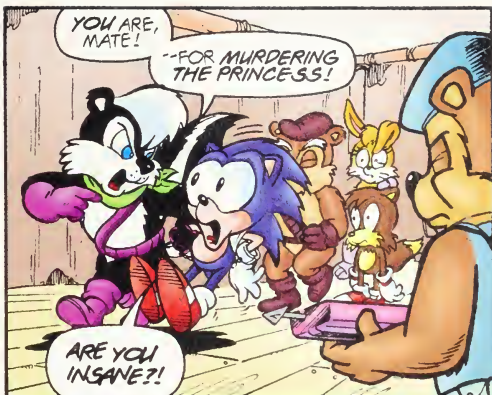


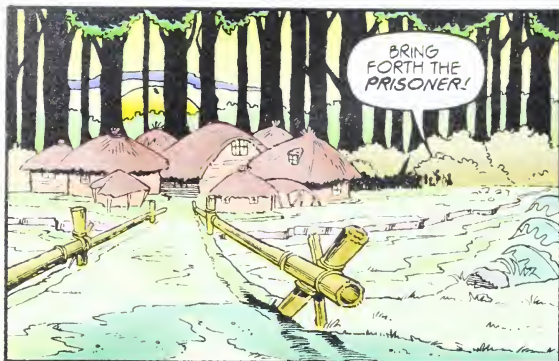












BRING
FORTH THE
PRISONER!



THOUGH THE
LOSS BE PERSONAL
I BEAR THE ACCUSED
NO MALICE.

HOWEVER,
IN ACCORDANCE
WITH OUR LAWS,
I MUST NOW PASS
JUDGEMENT ON
ONE OF OUR
OWN.



SONIC THE
HEDGEHOG--

--HOW DO YOU PLEAD
TO THE CRIME OF MURDER
MOST FOUL OF YOUR
PRINCESS?

SIRE, I'M
INNOCENT!

I WOULD NOT--
COULD NOT--EVER
DO SUCH A THING!



I KNEW
YOU'D SAY
THAT!

HENCEFORTH--



IN RECOGNITION OF
YOUR SERVICES TO THE
REALM, I WILL FOREGO
THE DEATH PENALTY.

SONIC THE
HEDGEHOG...



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THE FUGITIVES

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ENDGAME

PART 2 OF 4



Years ago, most of the young residents of **Planet Mobius** were forced into war, defending themselves against the conspiracy of **Julian**, former **Warlord** of the **Kingdom of Acorn**. Most notable of these "freedom fighters" is a team led by the King's own daughter, and championed by the swiftest hero in the land. While their past efforts have been valiant, they have been a far cry from the total defeat of the rechristened **Dr. Robotnik**.

When their former **sire** staged a miraculous return to health, fortune seemed to shine on our stalwart heroes. The glistening hope of more experienced **leadership** paved the way for potential salvation.

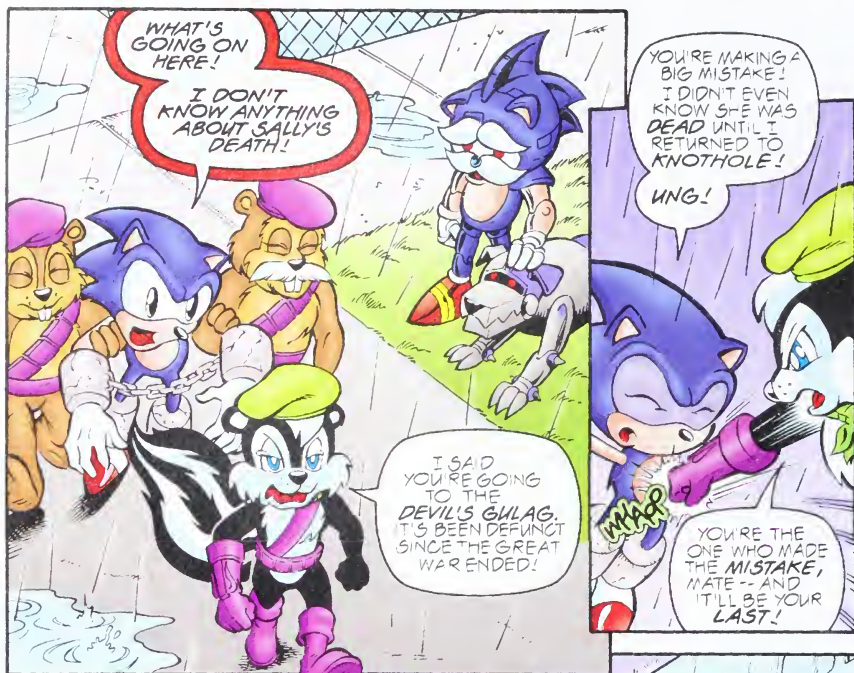
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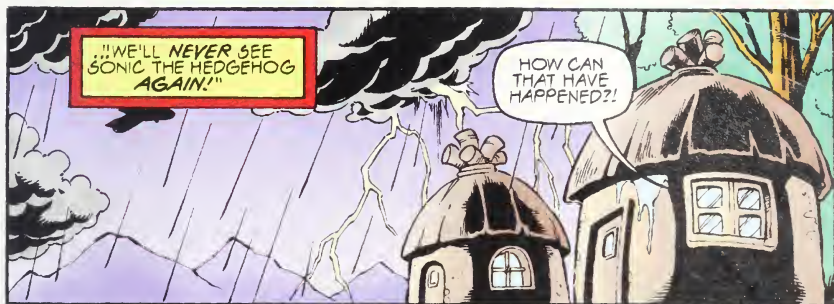
During their latest mission, **Princess Sally Acorn** met sudden tragedy. Returned to **Knockhole Village**, she was pronounced **DEAD**. Almost as tragic was the revelation that she died at the hands of...

Sonic, **The Hedgehog** himself!

Pronouncing sentence, the king condemned the "former" hero to a life of imprisonment. While it is clear that treachery and deceit abound, it is equally unclear who **all** the conspirators are of this swift **injustice**. While it is certain that the dark forces of **Robotropolis** are preparing their next move, it is equally uncertain whether our heroes will rally, recreating the former glory of the once-gleaming city of **Mobotropolis**.

One thing cannot be disputed — no one will ever be the same...





CURRENTLY, HOWEVER
THINGS SEEM PRETTY
BLEAK FOR OUR "EX"
HERO...

THIS WHOLE
MESS STARTED WHEN
SAL GOT ORDERS TO
INVADE ROBOTROPOLIS
FROM HER DAD--A GUY
SUPPOSEDLY TURNING
TO CRYSTAL!

*KING ACORN'S MALADY WAS
REVEALED IN SONIC QUEST #1--ED

AND NOW THAT SAME
KING HAS EXILED ME TO
THE PLACE OF MY BOY-
HOOD NIGHTMARES--

WHERE MY DAD USED
TO TELL ME ALL BAD
BOYS AND WAR PRISON-
ERS WERE SENT --

--THE
DEVIL'S GULAG!

HOW'D HE
GET BETTER SO
FAST AND...

LOOKS LIKE I WASN'T
THE ONLY DOUBLE AGENT!
WHAT DID ROBOTNIK
PROMISE YOU--YOUR VERY
OWN CHILI DOG CHAIN?

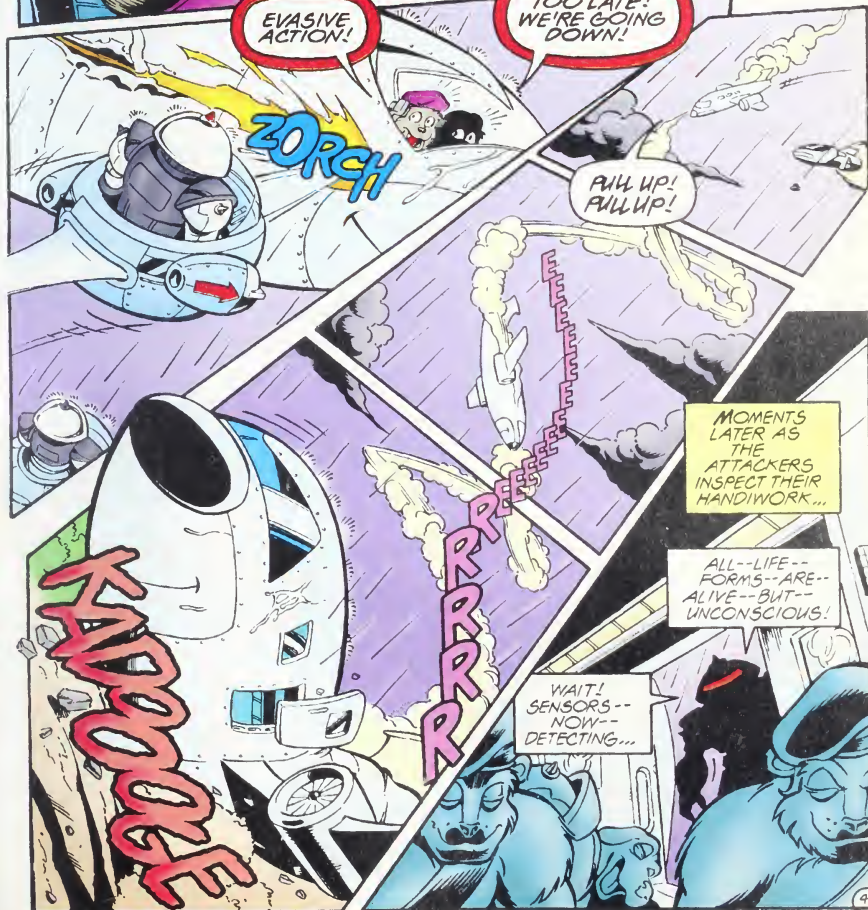
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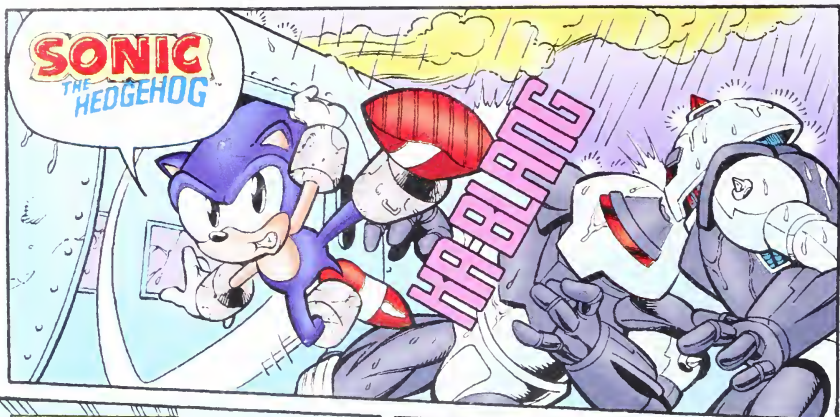
SLEWTH DOGGY DOG!
YOU "REASONOUS TRAITOR!"
I'M GONNA... UM...!

HOW! HOW! THE ONCE
HEROIC SONIC, REDUCED
TO A CHAINED-UP CON!
YOU TEAR ME UP!

I'LL REALLY
TEAR YOU GUYS
UP IF YOU DON'T
SHUT UP!

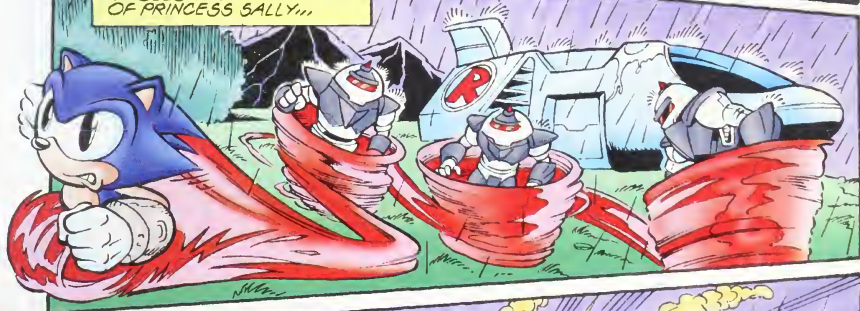
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REVEALED IN SONIC #2--EDITOR.







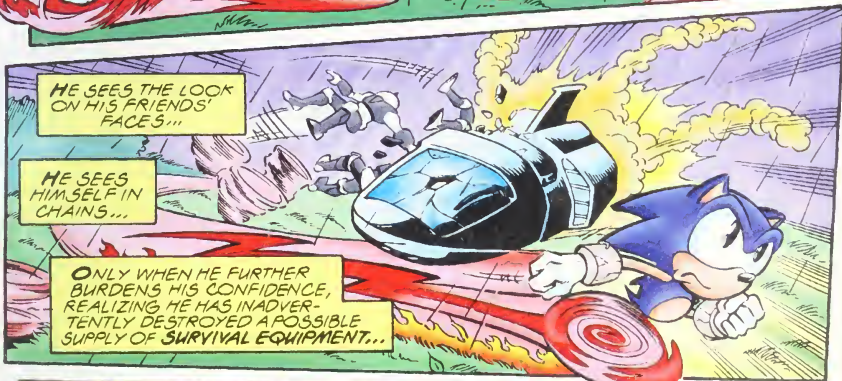
HE SEES THE PRONE BODY OF PRINCESS SALLY...



HE SEES THE LOOK ON HIS FRIENDS' FACES...

HE SEES HIMSELF IN CHAINS...

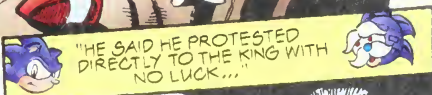
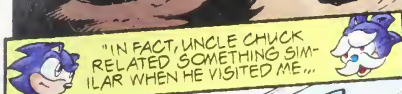
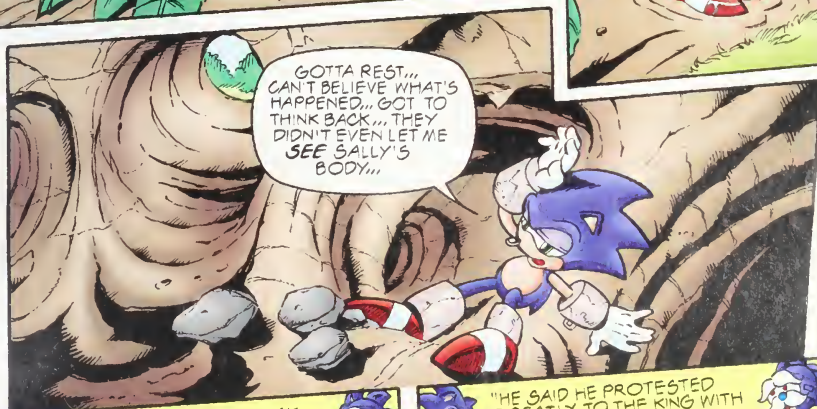
ONLY WHEN HE FURTHER BURDENS HIS CONFIDENCE, REALIZING HE HAS INADVERTENTLY DESTROYED A POSSIBLE SUPPLY OF SURVIVAL EQUIPMENT...



...DOES HIS MIND REGAIN CONTROL, MAKING HIM AWARE THAT THIS MINOR BATTLE IS OVER, AND IT IS ONCE AGAIN TIME TO TAKE FLIGHT!







"AND HE DIDN'T NEED ANY OF HIS ESPIONAGE EXPERIENCE TO REALIZE SOMETHING WAS WAY PAST UNCOOL..."

"I THINK OUR 'CAMPFIRE POW WOW' REVEALED THE TRUTH --THERE IS A TRAITOR OR TRAITORS IN OUR MIDST... AND I KNOW IT ISN'T YOU!*"

*IT HAPPENED IN SONIC #46 EDITOR.

"HE WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO GOT PAST THE SHOCK AND HAD HIS STUFF TOGETHER!"

DON'T GIVE UP HOPE, SONIC! I KNOW I WON'T UNTIL JUSTICE IS SERVED!

SONIC'S MIND REELS IN TURMOIL...

AND WHEN HIS CAPACITY TO PONDER CURRENTLY UNANSWERABLE QUESTIONS COMES TO AN END...

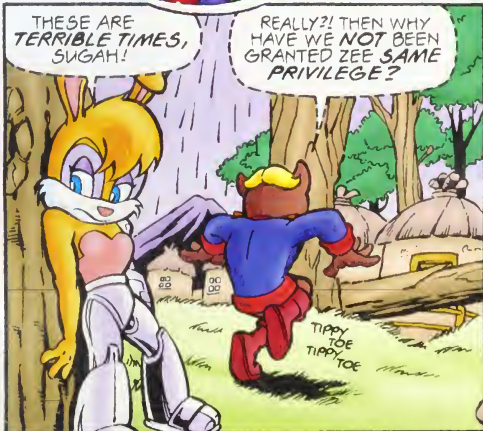
...ONLY THEN DOES HE FEEL THE TRUE IMPACT OF SALLY'S PASSING...

...ONLY THEN DOES THE STRESS AND GRIEF FORCE HIS BODY TO SUCCUMB TO SLEEP.

BACK AT KNOTHOLE VILLAGE...

WHAT'S UP, ANTOINE?

SSHE VERY BE-ZARRE! MOMENTS AGO, DRAGO, AND THEN "LE PEW" GOT ZEE PRIVATE AUDIENCE WITH ZEE KING!



THESE ARE TERRIBLE TIMES, SUGAH!

REALLY?! THEN WHY HAVE WE NOT BEEN GRANTED ZEE SAME PRIVILEGE?

TIPPY TOE
TIPPY TOE



AH DON'T KNOW! BUT AT LEAST IT CONFIRMS THAT GEOFFREY IS GENUINE!

PERHAPS, BUT DRAGO? HE NEVER CLAIMED TO BE IN ZEE KING'S CONFIDENCE!

AND DURING SONIC'S JUDGEMENT, WHY DID HE KEEP ZEE DISTANCE FROM ZEE WOLFPACK?!

*TYWAN BELIEVES GEOFFREY TO BE A SPY. SEE SONIC#46--EDITOR P.I.



AH DON'T KNOW! BUT Y'ALL REALIZE THAT WE'VE BEEN FOLLOWING DRAGO, DON'T YA?

OUI! I HAVE SAID THAT I WAS DESTINED TO BE HIS MAJESTY'S NUMBER ONE SOLDIER...

"AND IF ZEE KING CANNOT
SEE THE GREAT FOREST FOR
ZEE TREES, THEN I WILL DO
MY DUTY AS ZEE **RAIDER**
OF ZEE **TRAITORS!**"

HELLO, DEAR! THE
FUTURE "DUKE" OF
ROBOTROPOLIS
IS HOME!

LEAVE ME OUT
OF YOUR FUTURE!
I'VE DONE MY
PART--AND THAT'S
ENOUGH!

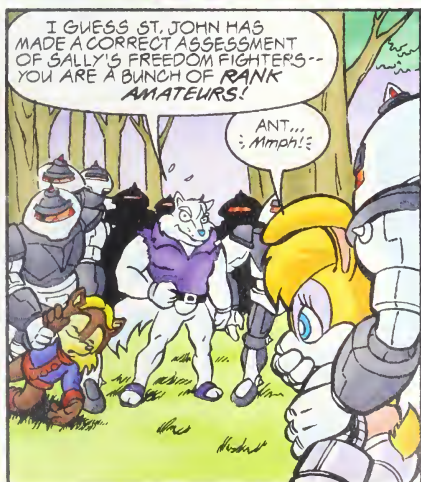
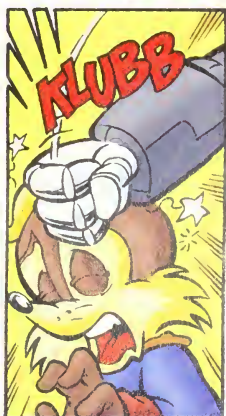
AND IN
APPRECIATION
OF YOUR HELP,
MAYBE I'LL MAKE
YOU MY FUTURE
"DUCHESS"!!

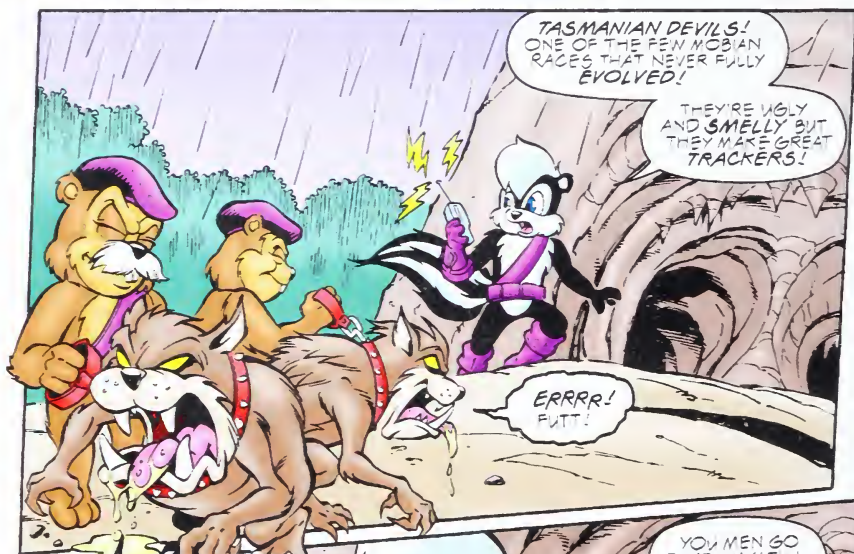
DON'T TAKE THAT
TONE WITH ME! YOU'RE
INTO THIS UP TO YOUR
PRETTY NECK!

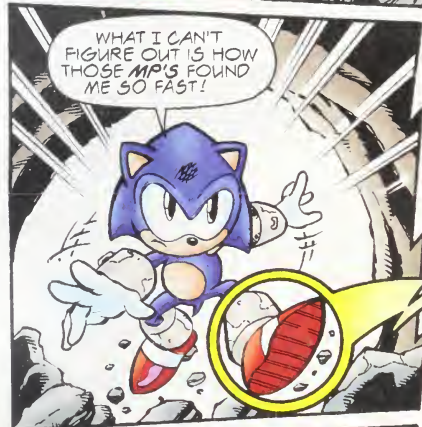
YOU'RE
HURTING
MY ARM!

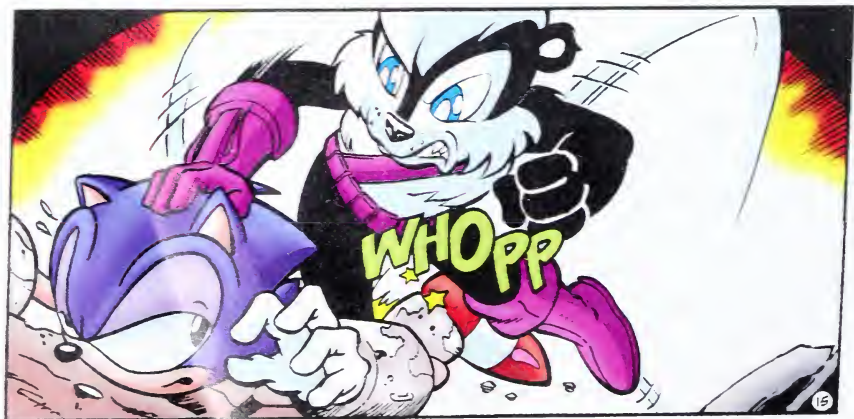
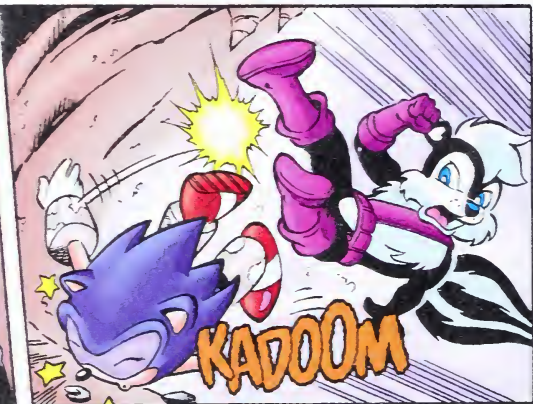
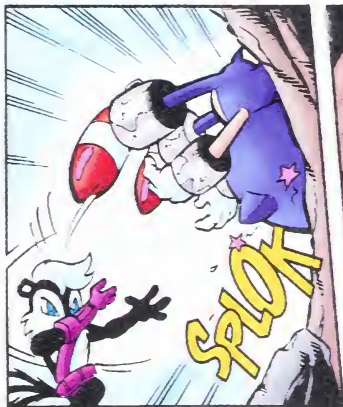
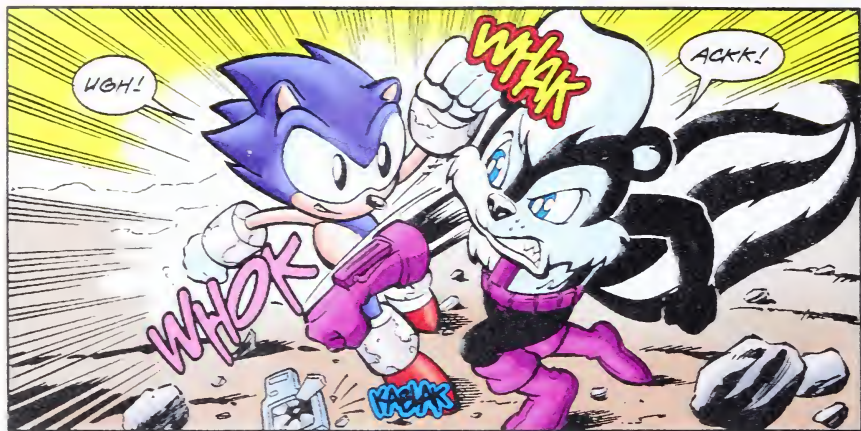
THEN YOU
LISTEN HERE! SONIC
HAS **ESCAPED**
GEOFFREY'S MEN!
BUT ST. JOHN **HIMSELF**
HAS BEEN ORDERED
TO HUNT HIM
DOWN!

I'M **SURE** HE'LL
FIND HIM, AND WITH
ANY LUCK, THEY'LL
ELIMINATE EACH
OTHER!











AS WE PONDER THE
FATE OF OUR COMBATANTS,
WE TAKE A POSSIBLE
LAST LOOK INSIDE KNOTHOLE
VILLAGE...

SINCE IT HAS BEEN
YEARS SINCE I LAST
DID SO, AND IN LIEU OF
ALL THE RECENT
EVENTS, I THOUGHT IT
HIGH TIME I HELD
COURT!

FIRST, LET ME SAY
THAT DESPITE THE
UNFORTUNATE FATES
OF MY DAUGHTER AND
SONG, I AM QUITE PLEASED
WITH THE HEROISM YOU,
MY LOYAL SUBJECTS,
HAVE DEMONSTRATED
DURING MY EXILE!



HOWEVER,
YOUR EFFORTS HAVE
OBVIOUSLY BEEN
FUTILE!

THERE HAS BEEN
TOO MUCH FIGHTING
AND TOO LITTLE
PROGRESS--WHICH
I ATTRIBUTE TO
YOUR GENERAL LACK
OF ABILITY.

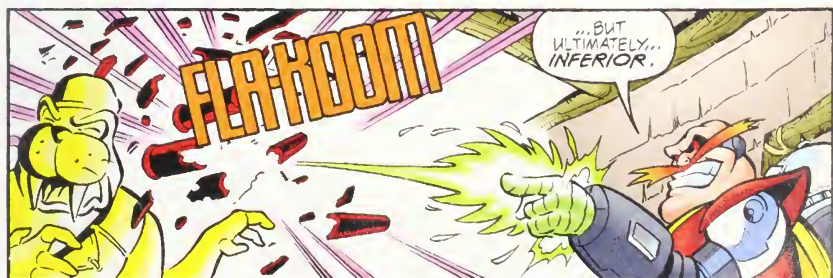


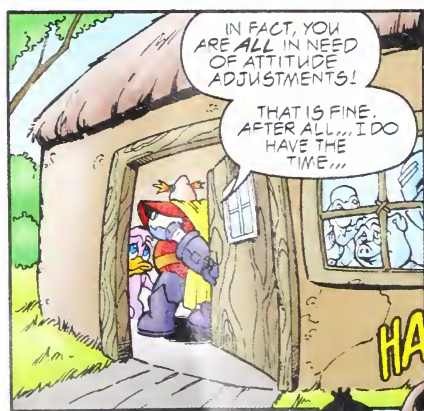
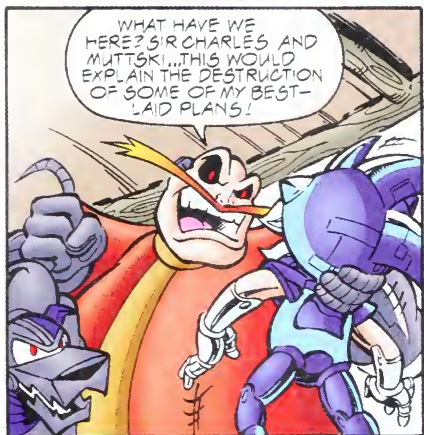
THAT IS WHY I
HAVE SEEN FIT, FOR
THE GOOD OF THE
KINGDOM, TO
REINSTATE THE
POSITION OF **WARLORD**
IN OUR REALM.

I THINK YOU'LL
FIND MY CANDIDATE
MORE THAN EX-
PERIENCED TO DO
THE JOB... THAT
NEEDS TO BE
DONE!

LOYAL SUBJECTS,
I AM PLEASED TO
INTRODUCE...

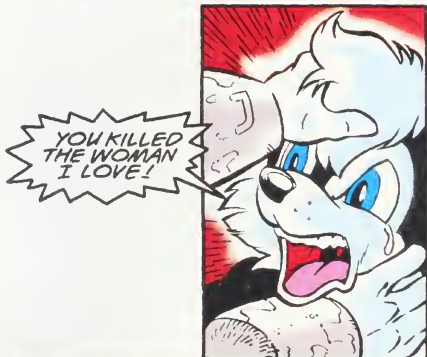
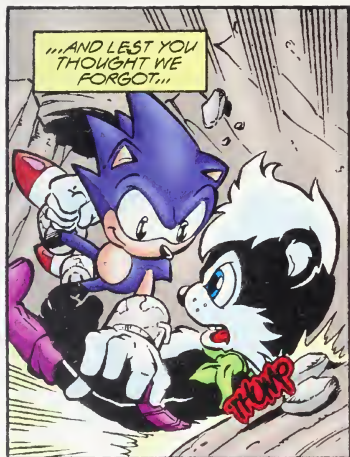


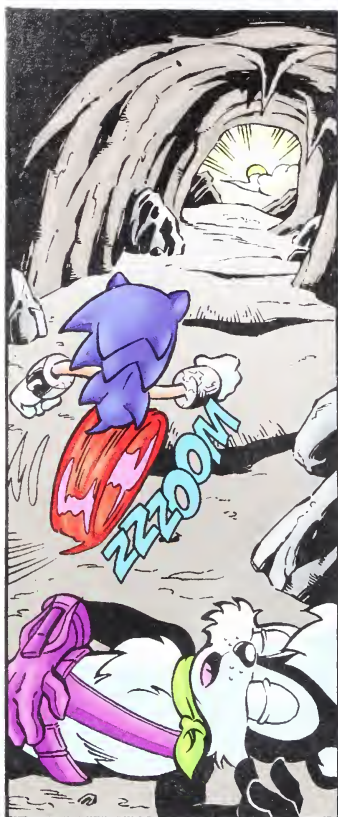




THAT IS FINE. AFTER ALL... I DO HAVE THE TIME...









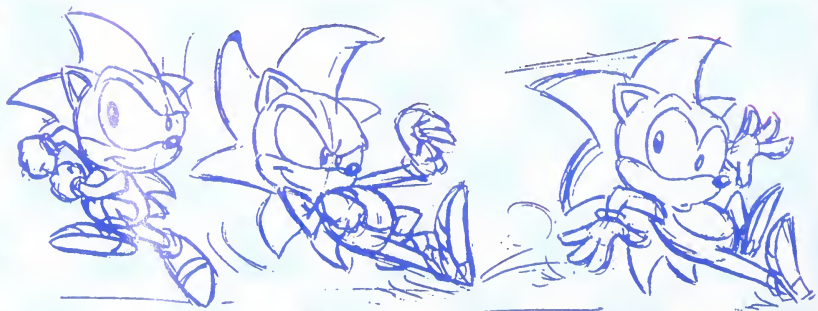
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